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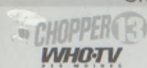
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The Dragon 2002

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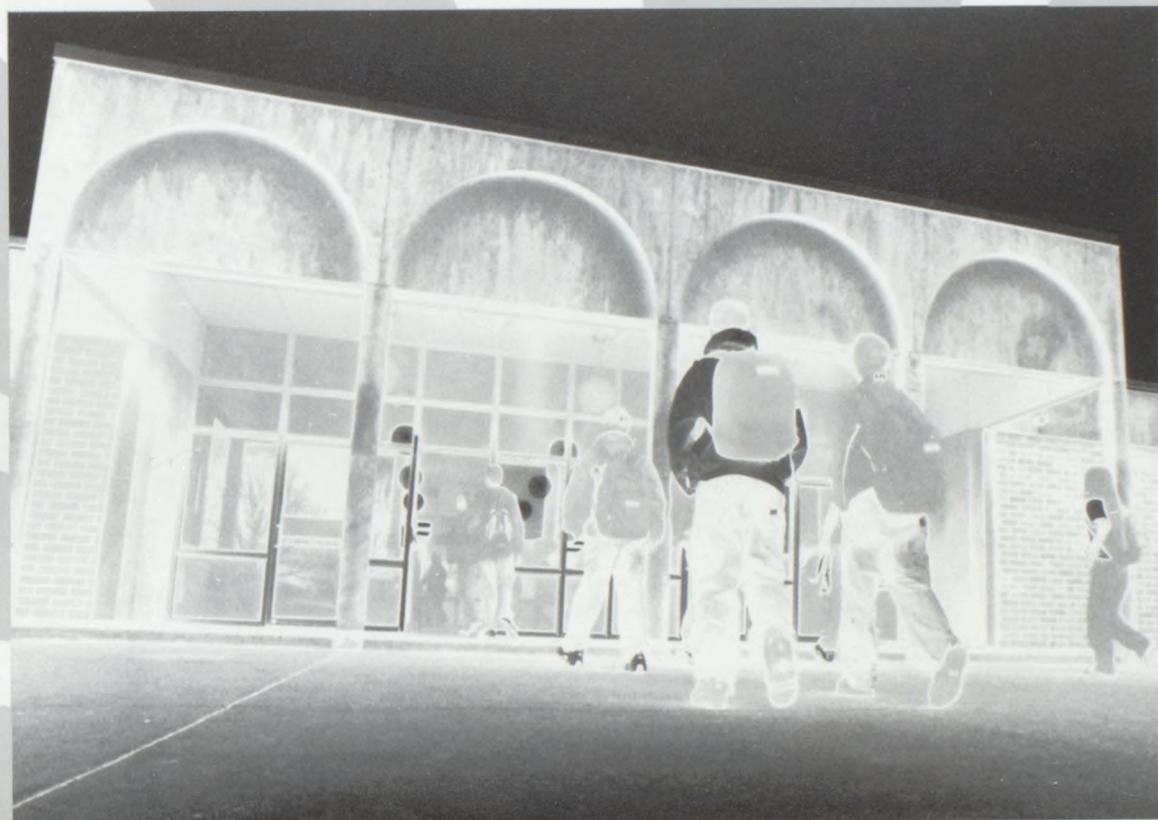


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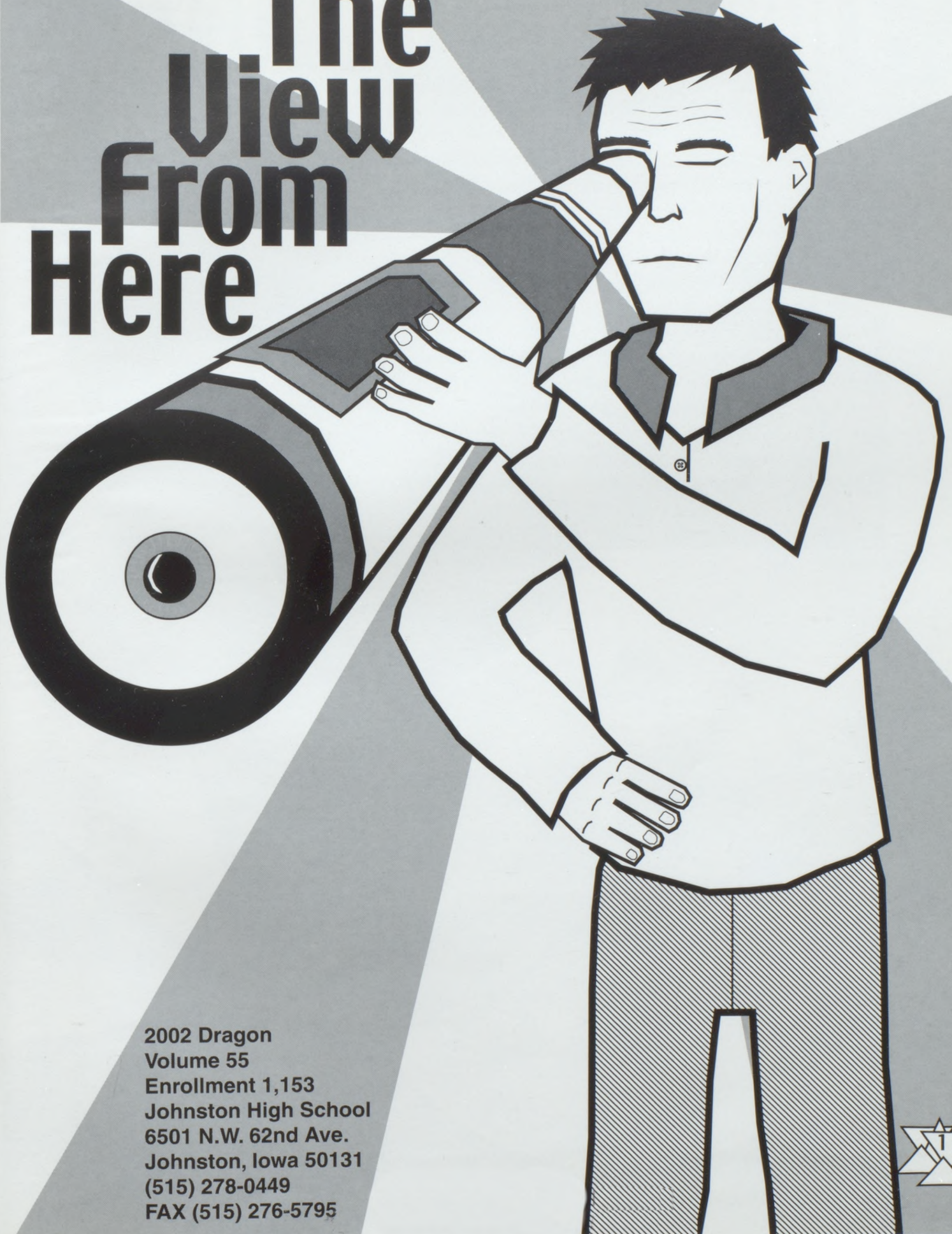
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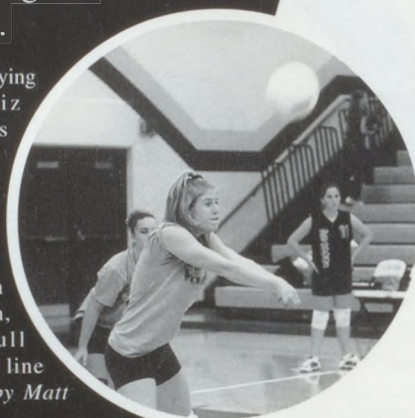
The View From Here

Johnston High School, 2001-2002. This year was full of turmoil, changes, and surprises, and all we could do was look and watch as they unraveled. Events thousands of miles away in New York rocked the nation, and we watched our televisions and wondered. America went to war on terrorism, and everyone's perspective on the situation was different. Meanwhile, America's view of its president was becoming exceedingly favorable. President Bush's approval rating, despite America's rocky economy, reached record setting highs.

But the present was not our only worry. We also had to look to the past and future. We recalled how Johnston began as a quaint little farm town, and then grew into a bustling urban empire. The land around the school was once completely blank and barren. To the west all there was nothing but farmland, and one could see for miles into the horizon. Now our view was becoming obstructed by the McDonald's, Burger King, supermarket, and large church that were showing up on our landscape. We also saw that Johnston is not yet done growing, and realized that we were something much greater than a small farm town. In 1979 there were but 79 students in the senior class; in the year 2002 there were 275. Our numbers were growing so big that in a few years it would grow too large. We would have to build another school, and the freshmen would no longer go to the high school. All these things were yet to come, and all we could do was watch.

spread by David Seibert

The volleyball goes flying as sophomore Liz Swanson follows through on her hit, as her teammate Shannon Huffman stands poised for further action. Carefully keeping an eye on the action, junior Katie Hull served as the line judge. *photo by Matt Putney*

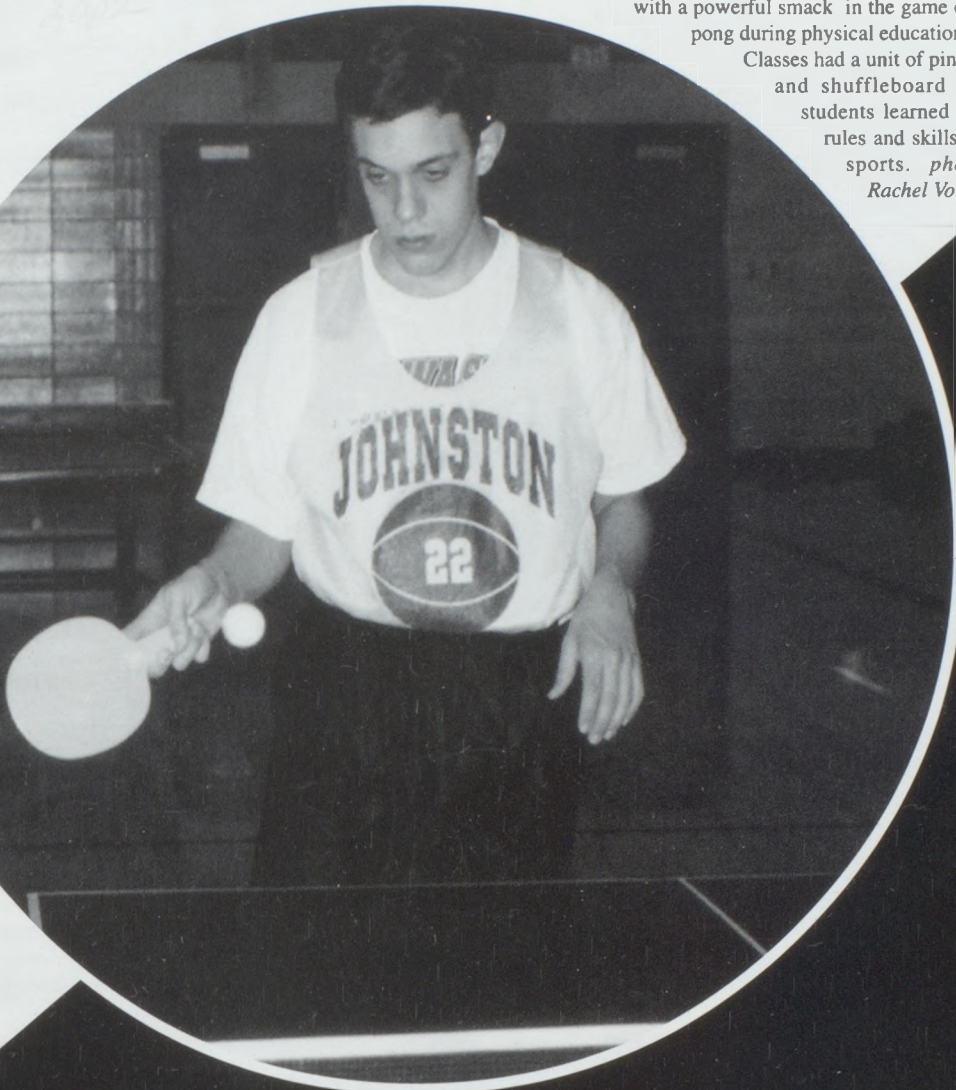


Standing on top of the school, sophomore Nash Wiley gazes into the afternoon sun. "I didn't really like being on top of the roof, because I am sort of scared of heights, but the view was awesome," said Wiley. *photo by Woody Brenton*

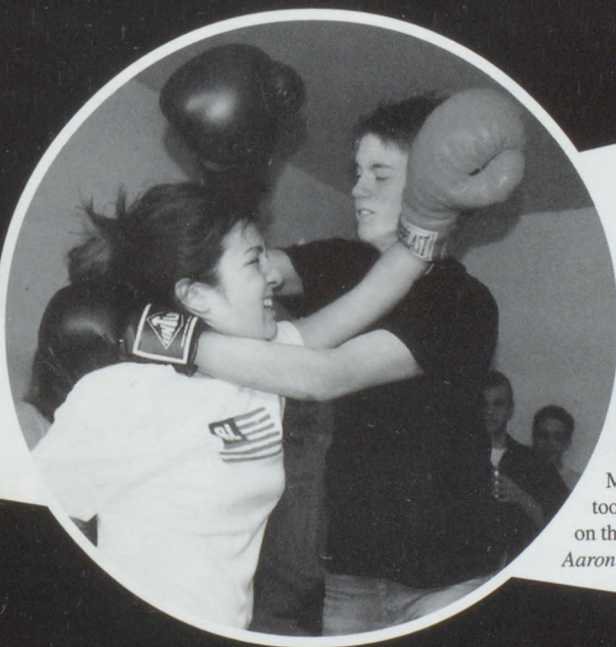
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Junior Ryan Bole prepares to serve the ball with a powerful smack in the game of ping pong during physical education class.

Classes had a unit of ping pong and shuffleboard where students learned all the rules and skills of the sports. *photo by Rachel Vorm*



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Caught in a flurry of fists, junior Tina Mark tastes a knuckle sandwich, fresh out of the oven, from sophomore Kayla Manning. The fight was one of many that took place at junior Dane Beirman's garage on the last day before spring break. *photo by Aaron Holmgren*

months

The terrorist attacks of Sept. 11. Enron's declaration of bankruptcy on Dec. 3. The drawn-out dispute between Pakistan and Israel. All took place during the year. The days, weeks, months rolled by, each the same, but different. Look back at those months. Remember and recall the days of your youth.



A befuddled stranger looks on as senior Molly Ehm acts on the Atlantic Coast. Ehm and several of her friends traveled to Florida over spring break. Ehm, for a video production project, stripped down to her swimsuit from her winter clothes and ran into the ocean. *photo by Amy Dennis*



His shirt playing with words, senior Micah Gerger grills a chunk of dead animal in the time preceding a fall football game. Sophomore Curtis Froehlich as well as freshmen Brendon Furrow and Hudson Lewis watched the meat sizzle under the afternoon sun. *photo by Alana Brown*

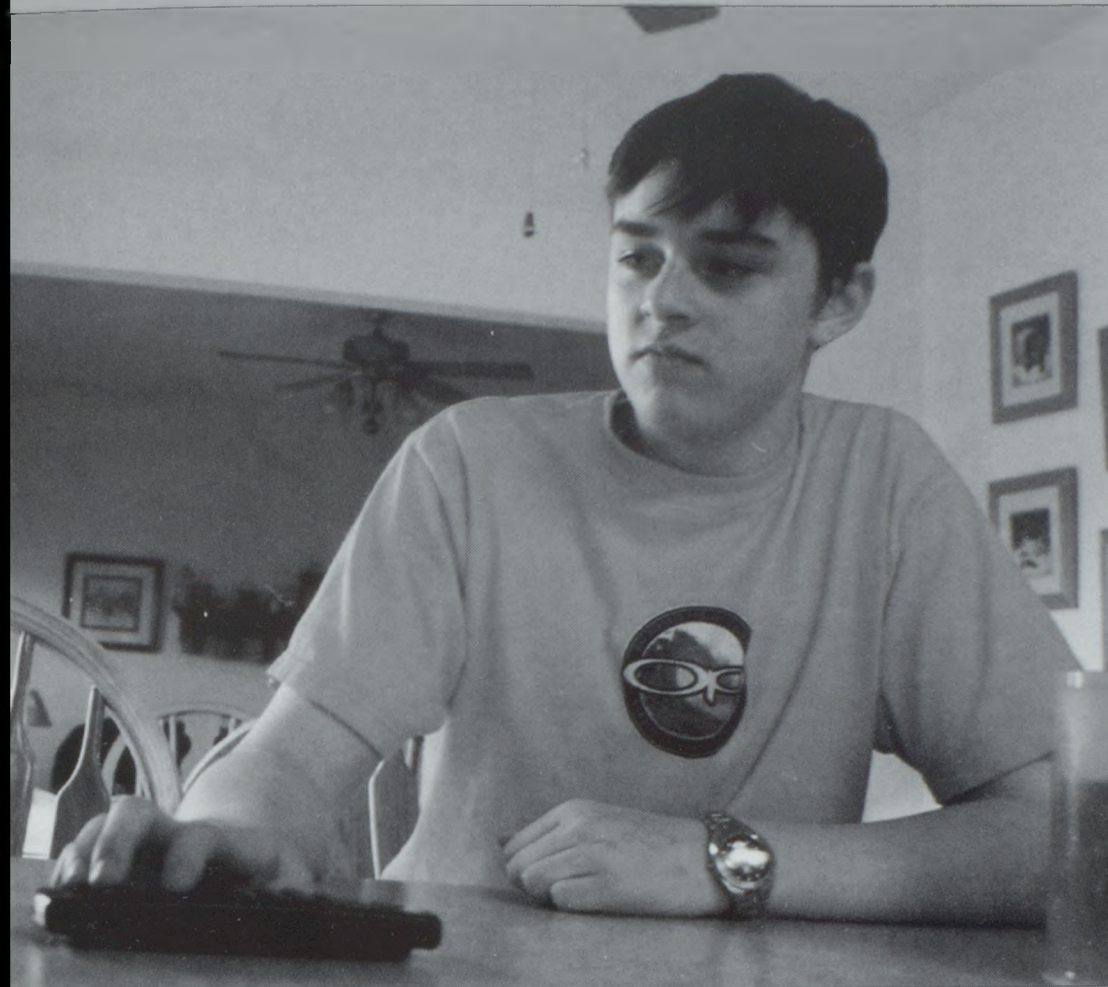


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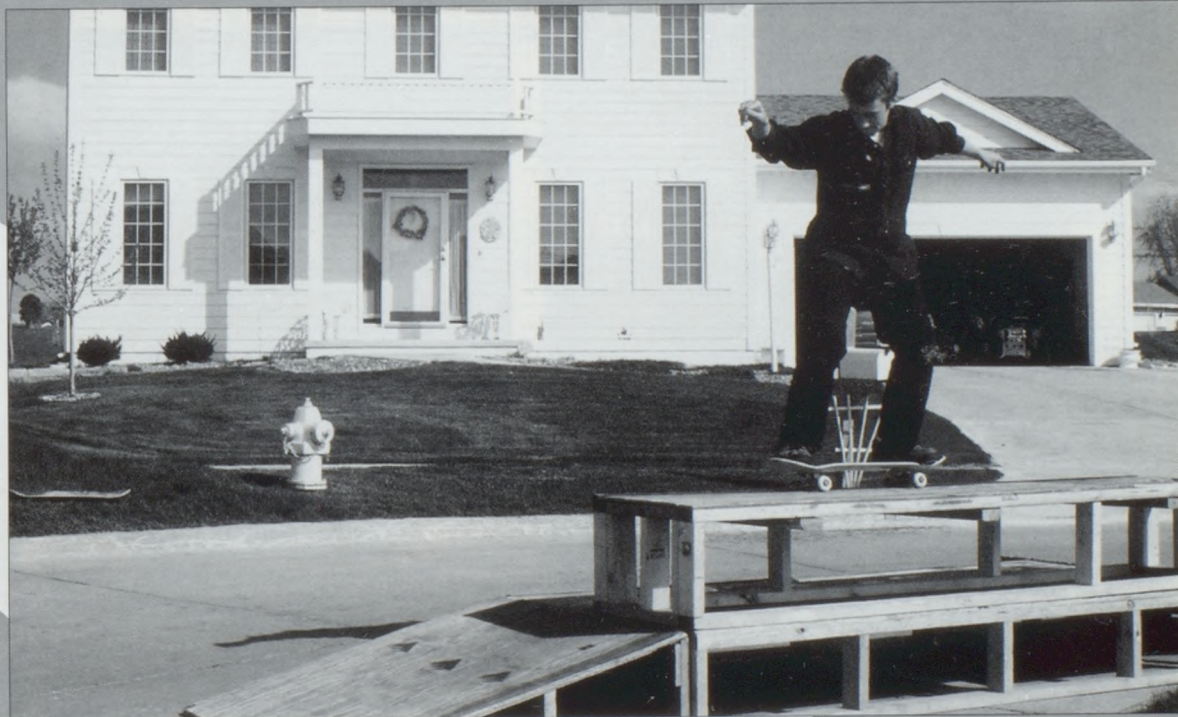
Spring 20



After an exhausting day of learning, freshman Cole Brackney takes a break and tunes into a different world. Brackney said he came home and looked at a television nearly every day, and that he enjoyed *South Park*, a comedy cartoon, more than all other television programming. *photo by Cyrus Andrews*



Junior Saeed Tokhi holds out a bag and receives a donation of several canned goods from a Johnston resident. Junior Aaron Holmgren, in the background, played his part as a Ghostbuster. The pair, along with other students, went trick or treating for canned goods in an effort to feed the needy. *photo by Woodward Brenton*



Having downed his daily dose of education, freshman Sean Dickinson 50-50 grinds across a box of his own creation. After school Dickinson often spent time skateboarding in the street. *photo by Cyrus Andrews*

Months Division



SUMMER

Students find many activities to try this summer. Whether it be surfing or getting lost in a mountain snow storm, they have a variety of experiences.
spread by Aaron Holmgren and Audrey Stone

Catching a wave, junior Erin Danielson rides the surf in South Carolina. Danielson and junior Emily Bednar went to Isle of Palms, South Carolina, over the summer. This was the first time surfing for both of them. Danielson found surfing to be extremely addicting. "My favorite part of the trip was) getting to be in a hot place near the ocean," said Danielson. *photo by Emily Bednar*



COLORADO

Juniors Shae Ary and Eric White relax on a mountain top in Colorado with vocal music teacher Jim Larrabee. The three left after finals on the last day of the 2000-2001 school year. They hiked in the mountains for 17 days and returned to a cabin every five days to restock on provisions. On one occasion, they found themselves lost for nine hours in a snow storm. *photo provided by Jim Larrabee*

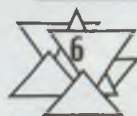


ILLINOIS

Riding in a paddleboat in Lake Carol, near Lake Carol, Illinois, freshmen Kyle Mentzer and Casey Hooper float around. Hooper vacationed in Illinois for two days in July with his family and his best friend, Mentzer. The group stayed with Hooper's step-grandfather. "My step-grandpa is rich, so we got to sleep in a really big fancy tower," said Hooper *photo provided by Casey Hooper*



Sophomore Nathan Birru puts the pedal to the metal, riding his bike in Minnesota. Birru joined a team last winter, after five years of bike racing on his own. Members of this mountain and road biking team include junior David Muecke and students from Dowling, Valley and Roosevelt. Birru placed fifth overall at the Minnesota State Championship Series. *photo by Matthew Putney*



Reclining at the Johnston little league field, junior Matt Campbell and his girlfriend, junior Amanda Freese, watch eighth grader Patrick Freese play baseball. Campbell had promised his girlfriend he would watch her younger brother Patrick's baseball game. "Amanda thinks that sort of thing is important, even though she never went to any of my tennis meets," said Campbell. *photo by Aaron Holmgren*



Speaking to teachers in the auditorium, Iowa Governor Tom Vilsack shares his own education experiences. Governor Vilsack visited the week before school started to commend teachers for doing a fine job educating Iowa's youth. *photo by Matthew Putney*

Demonstrating proper punting form for senior David Remer, special teams coach Wes Stover instructs at summer football camp. Remer has been punting in since seventh grade. According to Remer, the most difficult thing about punting was kicking the ball away from opponents who return it well. *photo by Matthew Putney*

JUNE

Texas mother Andrea Yates drowned her five children in a bathtub. When police arrived, Yates told them she had killed her children. Yates had been treated for postpartum depression after delivering her fourth and fifth children.

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JUNE

Johnston Green Days took place during the last week of June. Kids were able to take part in activities ranging from hot air balloon and helicopter rides to a giant slide and a climbing wall. There was also a car show and live music every night.

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JUNE

Vice President Dick Cheney's heart condition was diagnosed as "terrific" by doctors after he had surgery to implant a heart monitor. It would check and, if necessary, slow down his heart rhythm. Cheney had suffered four heart attacks since 1978.

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JULY

Comedian Paula Poundstone pleaded innocent to child molestation and endangerment charges. Poundstone had been arrested in June. Poundstone was then ordered by a judge not to sexually threaten, harass or molest children.

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JULY

A remake of the 1968 sci-fi film *Planet of the Apes* is released. The movie was directed by Tim Burton. It starred Mark Wahlberg as a human stranded on a planet inhabited by humanoid apes, and Helena Bonham-Carter as his ape love interest.

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AUGUST

The first Battle of the Bands took place at the Foxboro Square Conference Center in Green Meadows West. Local bands, "Eye's Last Glance," "The Lifestyle" and "Euforia" participated with bands from all around the state.

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SEPTEMBER

During the aftermath of terrorist attacks, Americans pull together and move on with their lives by giving to charity, having a national day of mourning and going to the movies. *spread by Tara Ely and B. Stamm*

"I THINK THE TERRORIST ATTACKS MADE PEOPLE NOT WANT TO FLY, BUT I STILL WILL. I WANTED TO GET MY PILOT'S LICENSE AND I STILL INTEND TO."

[FRANK ROGGIO, '04]



"THIS EVENT HAS CHANGED PEOPLE'S VIEWS ON WHAT IT MEANS TO BE AN AMERICAN AND WHAT IT MEANS TO LIVE IN THIS COUNTRY."

[JAY SHACKETT, TEACHER]



"IT PERSONALLY AFFECTED ME, BECAUSE MY UNCLE WAS AT THE MARIOTT IN NYC. HIS BODY HASN'T BEEN RECOVERED, BUT A DEATH CERTIFICATE HAS BEEN ISSUED."

[SARA HOBBS, '02]



Praying in the auditorium, junior Meryl Houser reflects on the terrorist attacks. Due to the terrorist attacks school administrators decided to have the auditorium be a quiet place where students could go to reflect on the events. The auditorium was open all day on Sept. 14, the day of mourning, and students could go there during study halls or free time. Houser said, "Prayer was a crutch that helped me get through this, so it was nice to have a quiet place to go. There were some people who abused the right, but it was almost inevitable that there would be." *photo by Matt Putney*



Playing the guitar, senior John Sparland participates in a prayer service. The service was held by FCA on the national day of mourning, Sept. 14, and was open to all students before school. During the service students prayed and sang in memory of all who lost their lives on Sept. 11. *photo by Matt Putney*

[LOCKS OF LOVE]



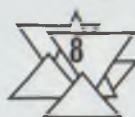
Waiting to get her hair cut for the charity Locks of Love, junior Grace Schoper prepares to lose nine inches of her hair. Her hair isn't the suggested ten inches, but the charity still accepted it. *photo by Britney Stamm*

Before



Schoper shows off her new hair style and decides she likes the change, but will grow it out again. The charity Locks of Love makes wigs for financially disadvantaged children with medical hair loss. *photo by Britney Stamm*

After



September

Showing the World Trade Centers' Twin Towers and the Pentagon, a T.V. in a classroom reports the breaking news of Sept. 11. Students were allowed to watch T.V. or listen to the radio in classes to keep them informed of events. Due to the attacks, the Federal Aviation Administration closed down all flights nationwide. Many countries around the world followed. Most flights were resumed on Sept. 15. Airports around the country strengthened security to protect Americans. Airlines also added armed U.S. marshalls to airports and many flights. *photo by Matt Putney*



BEFORE

photo by Woody Brenton

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Two airplanes flew into the World Trade Centers' Twin towers and another into the Pentagon. A plane also crashed in Pennsylvania and all were killed. Several terrorists hijacked the planes and crashed them into the buildings. The terrorists were believed to be associated with Osama Bin Laden.

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Days after the fall of the Twin Towers and a portion of the Pentagon, Americans mourned the loss of thousands of firemen, businessmen and family members killed in the terrorist attacks. President George W. Bush announced that Sept. 14 would be a National Day of Mourning.

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Republicans asked Congress to open the Alaskan Wildlife Refuge for oil. The government was concerned about the security of the United States energy supply in light of the attacks. The plan was to replace the oil coming from Iraq. The U.S. also planned to cut down on the amount of energy used.

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America's Tribute of Heroes telethon was held to raise money for victims of the terrorist attacks. The telethon aired on T.V., radio stations and the Internet. It brought in more than \$150 million in donations. Julia Roberts was just one of the many celebrities who donated money from their own pockets.

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The Titan Tire Corporation settled with the United Steelworkers of America at the Des Moines facility. This ended the longest strike in the tire industry, lasting 40 months. The members of the Local 164 accepted a new labor agreement set to be effective through the year 2006.

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Mayor Rudy Giuliani announced a \$1 billion bond issue to help New York City rebuild in the aftermath of the terrorist attacks. President Bush contemplated ideas on how to help workers who lost their jobs, including a proposal to extend several weeks of unemployment benefit programs.



AFTER



Carrying a banner in front of the band, senior Danielle Beery marches in the homecoming parade. Instead of cancelling the parade scheduled for Sept. 13, the school decided to dedicate the parade in memory of all those who lost their lives due to the terrorist attacks. Throughout the parade many different groups and organizations did their part to show their patriotism. Groups made posters, wore ribbons and every vehicle had a flag. *photo by Matthew Putney*

Zoolander

Showing her enthusiasm for *Zoolander*, senior Beth Bond plays with her *Zoolander* beach ball. Radio station KISS 107.5 FM gave away passes to a sneak preview of *Zoolander*, starring Ben Stiller. KISS also gave away promotional items including *Zoolander* beach balls, sunscreen and movie posters. The movie was shown at Sierra Cinemas on Sept. 25. DJs Keith Clifton and CJ attended the event. Seniors Marissa Stetson and Amy Dennis were just two of the many students who attended the sneak preview. *photo by Tara Ely*



OCTOBER

Despite the bombing in Afghanistan and the discovery of anthrax in the U.S., students keep busy with things like tailgating before football games and volunteering for government class. *spread by Emily and Woody*



Felisa Hansen '02

"I think it's dumb that we are bombing Afghanistan and sending them food, too. All we are accomplishing is killing them on full stomachs. We are trying to stop violence by using violence. There are other solutions."

Showing her patriotism, senior Jessica Madole drew a American flag during senior t.p. night in front of the high school. The flag took Madole five hours to draw. *photo by Woody Brenton*



Roasting marshmallows, senior Ashley Vanderpool helps nine-year-old Lacy Blackford at a hayrack ride/bon fire. Vanderpool participated in the Big Brothers and Big Sisters program for her service project in government class. *photo by Woody Brenton*



October



Justin Smith '03

"I don't like that we are in a war because my brother is in the army. I do agree with the war because they committed an act of violence against us and we should get them back for what they did in New York."



Melissa Hannan '04

"I think the bombing is bad, but the food we have been sending is good. It shows the people that we care about them, but we're just trying to protect ourselves. Nothing can justify what these men did to us on Sept. 11."

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Students participated in the homecoming event Rock Around the Clock. The event was rescheduled from its planned date, Sept. 13, due to the terrorist attacks that occurred on Sept. 11. The Players Club, a group of seniors, won the event.

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Over 12,500 people, including senior Emma Stone, Sara Hobbs, and sophomore Megan Morehouse, participated in the Des Moines Race For the Cure. The race was a day to celebrate and recognize breast cancer survivors.

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Students from Iowa State University and other peace activists spoke out against the bombing in Afghanistan. The rally took place at Nollen Plaza, and about 60 people attended. They held up signs of peace to relay their message.

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This day marked the second week of the assault on Afganistan. President Bush rejected an offer to discuss handing over Osama bin Laden. Bush said there would be no negotiations and America would continue to fight terrorism.

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Recognizing Red Ribbon Week, students went to various classrooms to tie black ribbons around students' wrists. The ribbons represented the number of teenagers who die each year from decisions like drinking and driving.

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Small amounts of anthrax were found at a warehouse that handles mail for the U.S. Supreme Court. Traces of anthrax were also discovered in the offices of three congressmen. The Supreme Court building was closed for more testing.

THE VIEW

"I don't think our tailgating helps the football players, but it gets us (the fans) pumped up for the game. Without the fans it would be pointless to participate in school events. Plus we discovered we could grill a lobster."

Matt Schumacher '02



photo by Alana Brown



Addressing the student body, art teacher Daniel Weiss gives a speech after accepting the teacher of the year award, which was voted on by the senior class. "I don't teach to win awards, I teach to enlighten students," said Weiss. *photo by Matthew Putney*

Pumping the root beer keg, sophomore Jane Slusark fills up junior Cortney Siebert's cup. The flute section had an end-of-the-year bonfire at senior Tara Ely's house. They burned their music and drill books to celebrate the end of the marching band season. *photo by Tara Ely*



NOVEMBER

From producing a movie about standardized tests to planning for their future, students found many different ways to make use of their time. *spread by Matthew Putney and Brent Burklund*

Putting together the final pieces of *ITED's: The Movie*, seniors Bekah Morris, Jason Stocker, junior Sam Iles and instructor Tim Brickley, work on their voice recordings. "Brickley was asked by the counselors to make a movie about ITED's to get kids more excited about taking the tests," said Morris. "The introduction was our favorite part because we worked hard to capture the audience's attention." The movie debuted in homeroom on November 6. *photo by Matthew Putney*

ITED's : [The Movie] >



Ryan King, '02

[The ITED movie was funny. (Juniors) Aaron Holmgren and Saeed Tokhi did a good job at acting the part.]



Nick Root, '03

[The movie portrayed how students don't take ITED's as seriously as we should be taking standardized tests.]



Alexa Holcomb, '04

[I didn't think that the video had a whole lot of relevance to the actual ITED test, but the production of it was good.]



[I was really excited to have the opportunity to play volleyball for the University of Virginia. It is a great privilege to play for such a great school.]

-Kristin Chaney '02

Signing her college future away, senior Kristin Chaney agrees to play volleyball for the University of Virginia. Chaney was also chosen out of all the CIML volleyball teams to play in the Senior Classic, which was held in Carroll on Nov. 17. She was one out of 32 girls involved in the competition. *photo by Haley Findley*



Months, November

Racing toward the goal, sophomore Chad Costello of the Capitols prepares to pass the puck. The Capitols played the Sioux City Metros on November 16. "The game had a lot of hitting and was really close," said Costello. The Capitols won the game 4-3 in overtime with the help of two goals and one assist by Costello. Costello was picked to play on the second team for the All-State team. *photo by Matthew Putney*



Taking advantage of cheap pizza, junior Gabe Carnes finishes his meal. Hy-Vee had a \$1 pizza buffet on Nov. 8. Carnes said, "The pizza was really cheap, so you could eat as much as you wanted to and the cheese pizza was really good. There were lines going out the door and little standing room." *photo by Matthew Putney*

Sitting patiently, senior Andy Johannessen waits for his tattoo to be completed. Jack Lowe, a tattoo artist at the Skin Kitchen, shaded in the rays of light on his arm on Nov. 8. While this was not Johannessen's first tattoo, it was the first time he ever felt any discomfort. He spent \$200 on the tattoo. *photo by Matthew Putney*

1 Students packed their bags and boarded the busses to leave for the Leadership Retreat, which was held at the YMCA camp in Boone. At the camp, students got together in groups with people they may not have met before.

5 Appearing on a rare occasion, the Nothern Lights, also known as Aurora Borealis, were visible in the evening hours across Iowa. These disturbances are believed to be caused by the earth's magnetic field interacting with solar wind.

12 American Airlines flight 587 destined for the Dominican Republic crashed into a Queens neighborhood shortly after takeoff at 9:32 a.m., 265 people died. Although the cause was not known, equipment failure was suspected.

13 The Afghan capitol of Kabul fell to the Northern Alliance. It was reported that surviving Taliban members escaped to rural areas of the country. Afghan citizens celebrated in the streets. Women took off their burqas and men cut their beards.

29 George Harrison, former member of The Beatles, died of cancer in Los Angeles at the age of 58. He passed away in the company of his wife, Olivia Harrison and son, Dhani Harrison. The family felt that he left the world as he lived, in peace.

30 Linkin Park, a rock band, made a stop at the Cellular Center in Cedar Rapids for two days, while on a nationwide tour. Near the stage, a rowdy moshpit broke out and people walked away with torn shirts and black eyes.

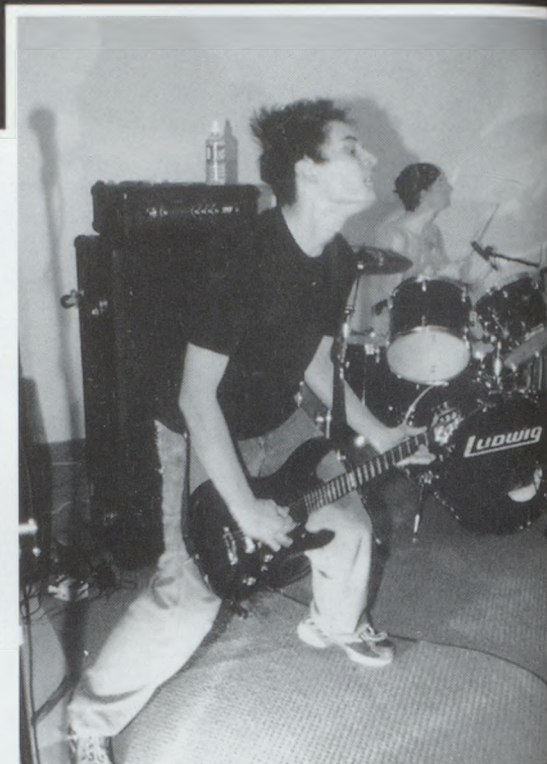
DECEMBER

An 11-day break from schoolwork enables some students to bask in the glow of the holidays and allows others to work their break away. *spread by David Seibert and Cyrus Andrews*

Efficiently bagging a customer's goods, junior Casey Slater works at Hy-Vee on December 26. Slater said that he liked working over winter break because it let him pick up some extra hours. "I also could work the late night shift. I like working at night because I don't have to dress up, and I can listen to music and read magazines. But it can get pretty boring," said Slater. Slater received a small pay raise as incentive to work the third shift. *photo by Cyrus Andrews*



Senior Ryan King rocks out with his local metal band, Eye's Last Glance, during a show they performed in at the Botanical Center. Other members of the band were junior Craig Busket (drums), former student Mike Gaudin (keyboards) and graduate Mike Taylor (vocals). King felt the band performed well, but was sort of "sketchy." *photo by Matthew Putney*



Gimme a Break

"I don't really care about the length of the winter break. When I go to school, I only go for like three periods anyway. If I did have a full schedule, though, I would be pissed. I would definitely want a longer break than the one we had."

Sam Summers '02



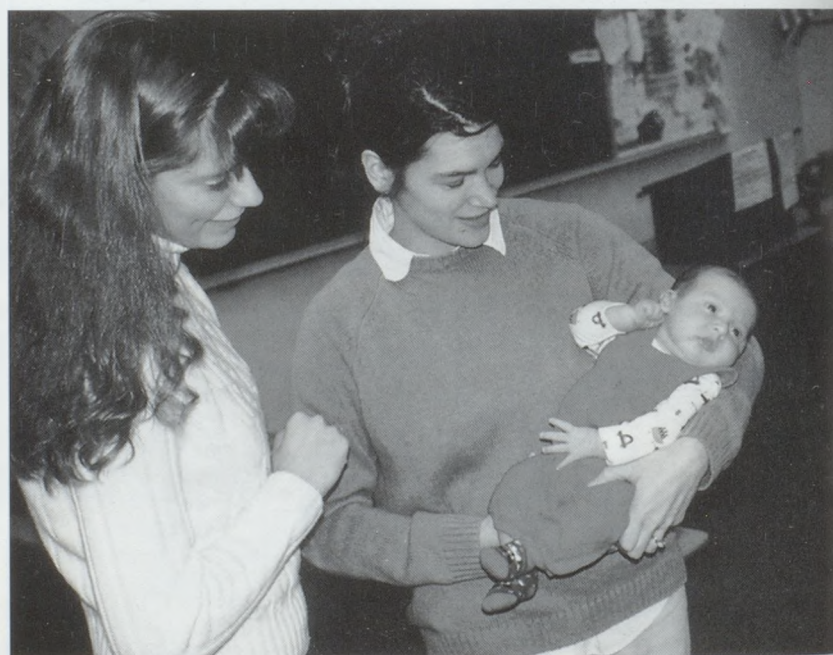
"I think that our break should've been longer. It seemed like it was shorter than past years' breaks. Also, I think it was stupid that we didn't have finals until after the break. We should've had them before, so we wouldn't forget everything."

Dan Stewart '03



"I thought that it was stupid to come back for two days. We should have come back on the following Monday, because even though it was Thursday, it felt like it was Monday, and it got really confusing. It's better to come back on a full week."

Amanda Julson '04

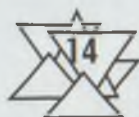


Date of Birth: 12-8-01

Name: Luke VanHeukelom

Time of Birth: 12:01 a.m.

With her offspring cradled in her arms, social studies teacher Mary VanHeukelom shows off her new arrival, Luke, to Karl Fast. Fast was VanHeukelom's long-term substitute and taught all of VanHeukelom's classes during her maternity leave. *photo by Cyrus Andrews*



December



Peering into her stocking on Christmas morning, an excited Lizzie Meyer, senior, sifts through what Santa has left for her. Among the bounty was a cane of candy, some lip gloss and a deck of Uno® cards. When asked what she got for Christmas, Meyer said. "I haven't gotten any big presents from my parents for two years because they paid for my trip to Sweden." Meyer went on the aforementioned trip during the summer of 2001. *photo by Daniel Meyer*

Seniors Luke Hukee and Mary Winzenburg speak at the Gold Star Commemoration Ceremony. The assembly was put on by a group of seniors as a part of their American government community service project. Those honored were former Johnston students who served and died in the Vietnam War, the Korean War and World War II. *photo by Matthew Putney*



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Hoek, a dog in the West Des Moines Police Force, received a bulletproof vest and matching protective boots. The outfit will protect Hoek from bullets, along with punches, kicks and stabbings. The boots will protect his feet from broken glass.

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Perry woman Kari Engholm was acquitted of charges of neglect and involuntary manslaughter. The charges were brought against her after she forgot about her seven-month old daughter. Left in a mini-van all day, the child died of hyperthermia.

12
Dr. Richard Nelson, executive dean of the U of I College of Medicine, was found murdered in his Cedar Rapids apartment. Police said he was stabbed in the chest before 5:30 a.m. Nelson's wife, Phyllis, was suspected to be the murderer.

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The Pentagon released a videotape, found in Afghanistan, showing Osama bin-Laden discussing the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11. Bin Laden was pleased with the amount of destruction caused, saying it was more than they expected.

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Two sisters, Amela and Anela Suljic, moved into the home of a Des Moines family after their older sister and mother were killed in a car accident. En route to a job interview, they collided with a truck at the intersection of 70th and 86th St.

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The Iowa Department of Natural Resources charged Koch Industries Inc. \$147,713.32, after one of their pipelines leaked ammonia, killing 1.3 million fish. This was Iowa's worst spill-related fish kill on record.

JANUARY

The month was not filled with snow, but rather Winter Formal festivities, New Year's parties, revived pep assemblies and the debut of the school's radio station.
spread by Emma Stone and Tara Ely



Sophomore Justin Young and junior J.P. Wohl comment on a girls basketball game. The radio station debuted on Jan. 8, and used the frequency 88.1 FM, the Grand View College station, to broadcast boys' and girls' basketball games. *photo by Matthew Puttney*

♀ Kelsea Watkins



'03

"I was glad that there was hardly any snow because I live far away from the school. When there is snow it takes a long time to get to school."

♀ Grant Erbes



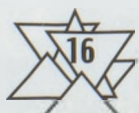
'05

"I was disappointed there was not any snow. I'm a snowboarder, and last year with all of the snow I had a chance to snowboard a lot."

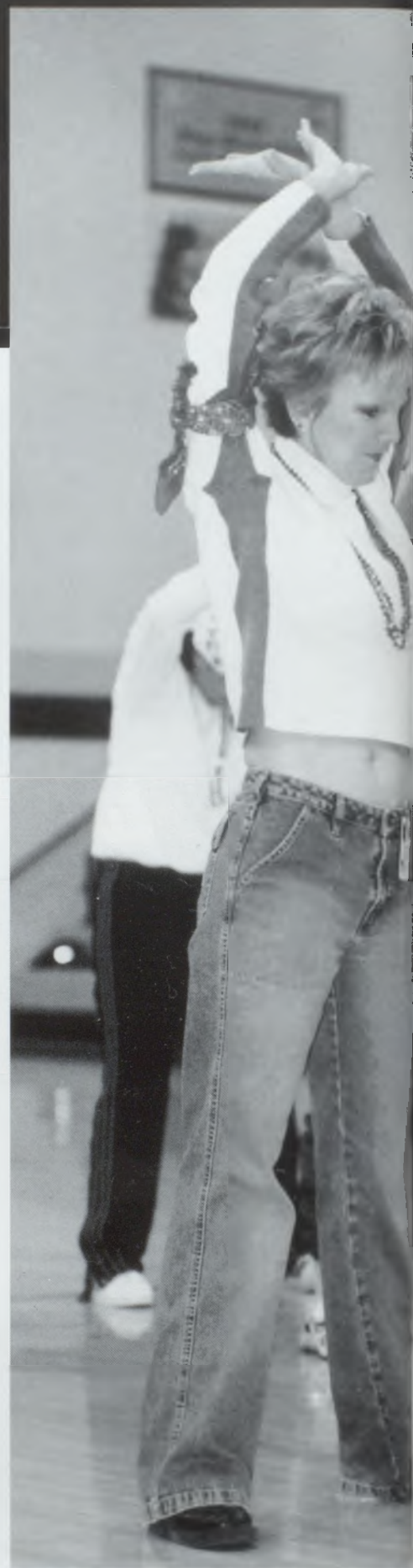


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3:55 a.m.

Teachers Jeff and Stacia Hawkins smile for a family picture with their new baby, Adeline. The couple brought the baby to school so the staff would have a chance to see her. *photo by Sarah Emma Stone*



January



Performing during the pep assembly, English teacher Marilyn Middleton dances with other teachers to a portion of their dance from the movie *Bring it On*. This was the first assembly that students were allowed to sit on both sides of the gym. Freshmen and sophomores sat on the west side and juniors and seniors sat on the east side. *photo by Matthew Putney*

As she starts the blender to make virgin strawberry daiquiris, senior Katie Larson celebrates New Years. Larson and her friends, seniors Beth Bond, Sara Hobbs, Jessica Hainline and Jessica Madole rented two rooms at the Stoncy Creek Inn. "The whole night was a blast until the strawberry mix was spilled all over the floor," said Larson. *photo by Tara Ann Ely*



Winter Formal Court:

<u>King</u>	<u>Queen</u>
Grant Turner	Anjana Rao
<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
Sean McAndrew	Lindsay Sleep
Micah Gerger	Lindsey Ruisch
Luke Hukee	Ashley Vanderpool

Wearing their crowns, seniors Anjana Rao and Grant Turner dance during winter formal. The dance was held on Jan. 26 from 8-11 p.m. in the high school gym. The theme of the dance was Sweet Dreams. "I was really surprised that I was queen, because everyone on the court had an equal chance. It made the night even more special," said Rao. *photo by Tara Ann Ely*

8
Michael Jordan's Wife filed for divorce after 12 years of marriage. Juanita Jordan said there were "irreconcilable differences." She sought permanent custody of their three children, their marital residence and half of the couple's property.

13
President George W. Bush fell unconscious for a few seconds after choking on a pretzel. Bush choked while watching a football game in the White House. Later that day, he was given a clean bill of health.

20
The 59th Annual Golden Globe Awards were held at the Shrine Auditorium in Beverly Hills, California. Winners included *A Beautiful mind* for best drama picture, and *Moulin Rouge* for best Picture, Musical and Comedy.

22
Kmart[®] corporation filed for chapter 11 bankruptcy. Its largest food and consumables supplier, Fleming, stopped its shipments to the stores because of a late payment. Kmart[®] reportedly owed Fleming \$78 million.

25
Troopers confiscated \$737,900 in a suitcase from a speeding car in Council Bluffs. The Michigan couple driving claimed they had no knowledge of the money. The troopers suspected the money was obtained through illegale activities.

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Two teenage girls broke into Des Moines resident Linda Harris' home. When Harris confronted the girls, neighbors reported they ran over her with a car. Harris was taken to Iowa Methodist Medical Center where she later died.

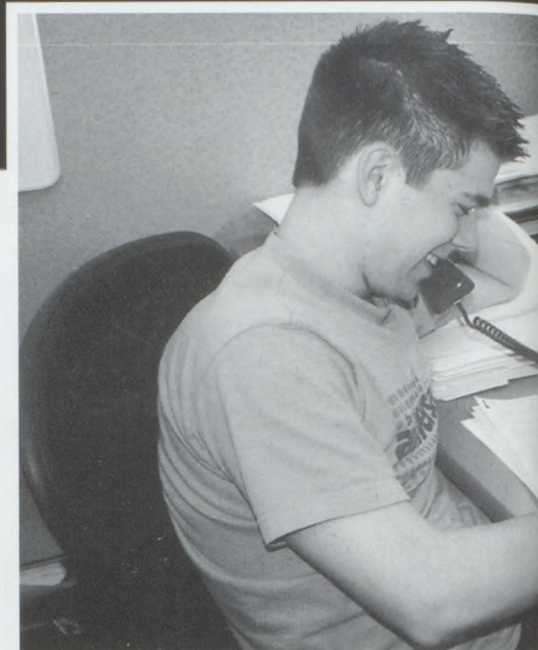
FEBRUARY

After months of snowlessness, February dishes out a painful reminder of the harsh realities of winter. Despite this, students stay busy with an assembly, the Purple Party and a telethon. *spread by D. Seibert and A. Holmgren*

Her mother in tow, junior Katie Hull confers with her government teacher Jay Shackett on parent-teacher conference night. Students attending conferences with their parents was a rarity. *photo by Aaron Holmgren*



Dollars for Scholars rakes in dollars for the aforementioned scholars as senior Adam Horning helps out at a telethon. Helping at the telethon was a service project for National Honor Society. *photo by Matt Putney*



Achieving the BUILDING GOALS

In preparation for the state certification inspection, the administration enacted a new goals program. The goals were

- 84.4% of students proficient in reading
- 91.6% of students proficient math
- 87% of students proficient in science
- 75% of students proficient in problem solving
- 75% of students proficient in communication skills

ROBIN OEDISE '02

"I saw all the (goal) signs, but they didn't really impact me. I never really paid attention to them. I'm just trying to do well for myself anyway, so the goals never made any difference."



SEAN DICKINSON '05

"I thought the goals were stupid. The movie was kinda cool, but a bunch of signs can't make me work harder, no matter how annoying they are."



After finding her automobile covered in afternoon frost, junior Ashley Parker takes to scraping the hindrance away. "It was the first time I had to scrape this season, and it was crappy because it was all ice," said Parker. *photo by Matthew Putney*

As the first die flies, junior Adam Frei waits to give a young girl her second. Frei, one of the students volunteering at the Purple Party, ran the "Roll the Dice" activity. The Purple Party was a fund raiser for items not covered by the usual budget, such as guest speakers. *photo by Dave Seibert*



February

With a watch taken from junior Jon Bush, Ako Abdul-Samad demonstrates how America was seized from the British. Abdul-Samad, a member of Creative Visions, speaks about diversity. photo by Matthew Putney



11 In the face of massive school budget cuts, Gov. Tom Vilsack besieged lawmakers to take a sum of \$120 million from the state's "rainy-day fund." This was an attempt to soften the damages to schools from a second budget cut.

12 Caught in the Enron fiasco, Kenneth Lay is chastised by senators for his alleged role in the corporate deception. Lay refused to answer their questions, asserting his Fifth Amendment right to not testify against himself in the case.

15 After winning silver medals, Canadian figure skaters David Peletier and Jamie Sale each received a second medal, this time gold. Suspicions were raised after the Russians were awarded gold for what some called an inferior performance.

17 Iowa State University wrestler Cael Sanderson broke an ISU record, winning 151 consecutive matches. The final win came in the NCAA championship match held at Hilton Coliseum. The old record was held by Mike Land, with 150 wins.

18 President George W. Bush worked with Japanese leader Junichiro Koizumi to come up with new policies to help stimulate the Japanese economy. Bush hoped that this would help stimulate America's economy, bringing it out of recession.

20 After 20 years as a fugitive, Clara Mistina Bradley was arrested in Ankeny, Iowa. She had been on the run since she allegedly murdered her husband in 1982. The jig was up when Bradley raised suspicions enrolling her grandchildren in school.

MARCH

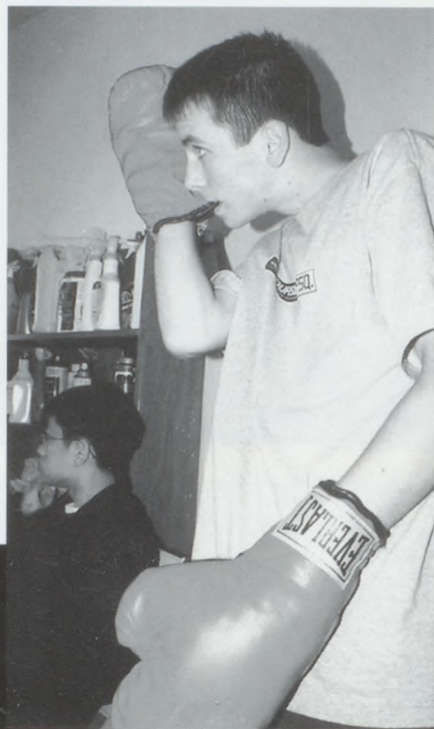
Concerts and a ten-day spring break give students a chance to relax, spend time away from school and hang out with their friends. *spread by Audrey Stone and Sheena Wendel*

Her hair in the clutches of a professional stylist, senior Carrie Minton waits for the final result. Minton had her hair braided at the Sunchase Salon in South Padre, Texas. The styling cost \$48. She traveled to South Padre during spring break with six other seniors. They stayed in a condo for seven days. *photo by Sarah Huffman*



Junior Robert Seaberg sings along with senior Elliot Ines at the Mar. 2 Botanical Center performance. Ines was a member of Lost Cause, one of the six Johnston bands that performed at the show. *photo by Matthew Pitney*

Junior Austin Watrous pulls on his boxing gloves. Watrous boxed with other students in junior Dane Beirman's garage on Mar. 14. The group usually met on early dismissal days, Fridays and weekends. *photo by Aaron Holmgren*



Spring into Action

Steven Walter '05

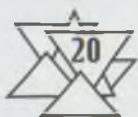
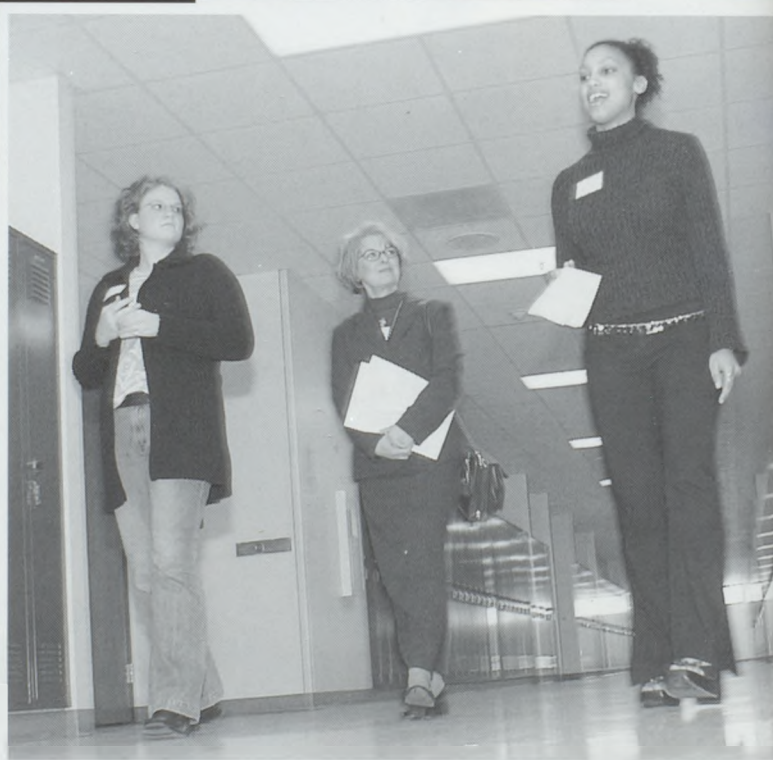


"I traveled to Orlando with the band, and then I stayed there with my family. I went to many theme parks. My favorite one was Islands of Adventure, because I like the roller coasters there."

Alexis Kucera '03



"I went on a day trip to Iowa City to shop with my boyfriend. The rest of spring break mostly consisted of working at Old Navy during the day, and at night going out with friends."



March



Ready to film, sophomores Jane Slusark, Jenna Woody, Derek Deer and junior Grant Anderson listen to directions from a Disney® film crew member. The commercial they appeared in was for Walt Disney World® promotional purposes. "I was really sick that day and was just laying by the big sorcerer's hat because I didn't feel well," said Slusark. "They began to rope off around it and anybody inside the ropes got to be in the commercial." *photo by Sheena Wendel*

Strolling down the hallway, seniors Elizabeth Guns and Jessica Madole speak to accreditor Linda Sanda about Johnston life. The 24 individuals from the Iowa State Department of Education looked at Johnston schools to see if things were being run the way they were supposed to be. National Honor Society members, such as Guns and Madole, were asked to give the visitors school tours, which took about fifteen minutes. *photo by Matthew Putney*



4
A new driver's education program, Street Smarts®, opened in Johnston. The first session started with two classes. It cost \$309 a session. The business planned on taking the overflow from Johnston driver's education classes.

7
Sacks of credit cards were found in a Cedar Rapids hotel room. Officers said that they belonged to Heather Berkman. She was charged with forgery, credit card fraud and identity theft. Berkman used the credit cards to shop on the internet.

14
Andrea Yates, who had been on trial for drowning her five children, was sentenced to life in prison. She had pleaded not guilty, by reason of insanity, but was found guilty by a Texas jury. She was facing the death penalty or life in prison.

24
For the first time, minorities took high places at the Academy Awards®. Halle Berry won the best female performance Oscar for *Monster's Ball*. Denzel Washington won best male performance for *Training Day*.

27
Students, Iowans and other 'NSYNC fans traveled to Hilton Coliseum in Ames where they listened to the music of 'NSYNC. Students payed up to \$139 to see the performance with it's opening act Smashmouth.

30
Israeli tanks and troops moved into Palestine. They destroyed the walls of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's office and residential compound. Israel tried to isolate Arafat, not to kill him. It was their most severe act against the Palestinians thus far.

APRIL

Students enjoy out of school activities in April ranging from the new water polo team to a Jello eating contest. *spread by Matthew Putney and Ashley Brown*



Getting down and Jello-ed, senior David Remer participates in a newspaper contest. Freshman Stephen Ites, sophomore Elizabeth Wong and junior Michelle Mefferd also competed, but Remer came out on top. *photo by Matthew Putney*



Under Construction

Construction started on the section of 62nd between 59th Court and the west side of the fire station. The section in front of the school was closed from July 8-30. *photo by Matthew Putney*



Principal Bruce Hukee explains a math activity to sophomore Jamie Marquart. The school was looking to hire new math teachers and Hukee watched while an interviewee taught the class on probability. *photo by Matthew Putney*

Applying shaving cream to sophomore Brian Andrus's face, senior Lindsay Townsend helps during the spring pep assembly put on by student council. Two people were selected from each grade, and their goal was to stick the most Cheetos on the face of the other person to win. *photo by Matt Putney*





Lunging for the ball, sophomore Allie Mackey plays water polo with her teammates at a six a.m. practice in the Urbandale pool. This was the first year a coed water polo team was offered. *photo by Matthew Putney*



Observing the damage done to a car in front of the school, a Johnston police officer fills out an accident report. The car belonged to sophomore Jennifer Traxel. After Traxel drove out of the school parking lot she hit a '92 Ford F-150 driven by sophomore Brandon Seyer. *photo by Aaron Holmgren*



Guidance counselor Iris Scott sets out cookies for eighth graders during high school orientation on Apr. 30. The eighth graders came to take a tour of the school and to get a better feeling of where they would be their freshman year. *photo by Matthew Putney*

4

The West Des Moines dance club Vieux Carre closed its doors to the public after being open 11 months. The club was known for throwing out beads to dancers, its multilevel dance floor and also their Fat Tuesday daiquiris.

22

Movie actor Robert Blake and his personal assistant Earle Caldwell both pleaded not guilty to the 2001 killing of Blake's wife, Bonny Bakley. Bakley had been shot to death in Los Angeles after having dinner with Blake.

25

Lisa Lopes, one of the three lead singers of the R&B group TLC, was killed in a car crash while vacationing in Honduras. There were eight other people in the vehicle with Lopes, including her brother and sister. Only Lopes was killed.

27

The days events at the annual Drake Relays were put on hold for approximately 50 minutes due to severe weather. Despite rain, all events continued. The last time events were put on hold at the Drake Relays was in 1972.

28

A stabbing and shooting took place at 3500 Valdez Drive in Beaverdale, leaving two people hospitalized. Fred Parker Jr., 18, and Jodi De Groote, 19, were both injured. Police believed that the incident was gang related.

31

John Battaglia was sentenced to life in prison for capital murder for the deaths of his two daughters, ages six and nine, in Dallas, Texas. Battaglia killed his daughters while their mother listened to their cries on the telephone.

MAY

Mailbox pipe bombings by a Minnesotan college student and high school bus vandalism ran through the minds of many students. Both events created mixed feelings. *spread by Alana Brown and Woody Brenton*



Spider-Man VS. Star Wars



Fierce and ready to attack, Spider-Man and junior Jimmy Cate show the camera some wicked Spider-Man moves. Cate enjoyed a sneak peek screening of the movie "Spider-Man" at the Wynnsong Cinema. *photo by Aaron Holmgren*

Seated outside Wynnsong, graduate Angela Lee, sophomore Aaron Clark and junior Brett Scott play Trivial Pursuit to pass time before *Star Wars: Attack of the Clones*. They waited seven hours for the 12:00 a.m. showing. *photo by M. Putney*



Skewing shrimp, senior Sarah Huffman prepares food for a party during senior skip-day on May 11. Huffman grilled with friends at senior Bob Jacobs' house. Most Students who skipped attended Saturday schools. *photo by Alana Brown*



In a brief state of bliss junior Dan Meyer ollies the high-school gap. Meyer said, "Gaps are a breeze for me, especially this easy one, its not like I was scared of it or anything." Meyer enjoyed much of his free time skateboarding. *photo by Woodward Brenton*



May

His face stuffed with food, sophomore Cole Hollobaugh enjoys a hot pizza pie made by Bredeaux Pizza, on an early dismissal afternoon. "It (Bredeaux) is a great place where I can sit down with my friends, and the food is fantastic," said Hollobaugh. "I usually go on early dismissal afternoons, because it is so close to the school." *photo by W. Brenton*



Dressed in a suit of green, senior Devin Frank rolls on the ground. Frank, a member of Poison Control Center, played on May 12th at The House of Bricks. "That show was the most entertaining show I have ever seen," said junior Dave Seibert. *photo by Woody Brenton*

Gettin' his groove on, junior Chris Barks dances solo while senior Tim House and sophomore Jennifer Goellner dance behind him at the Morp dance. This was the second year that student council put on the dance. Morp was created to be like a street dance, but is held inside the gym instead. *photo by Alana Brown*

4
Weezer rocked out students at Hilton Coliseum in Ames. The band played a two hour set for the teenage audience. Front man Rivers Cuomo opened with 2001 single "Hashpipe" and ended the set with the 1994 single "Buddy Holly."

6
All Johnston Schools were delayed two hours, due to the deflating of one tire on every bus. The act of mischief occurred the previous night. Police found no evidence leading to the perpetrators but assumed it was a senior prank.

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After setting off 18 pipe bombs in five states, 21 year old Luke Helder was caught after a car chase near Reno, Nevada. The Minnesotan native injured seven people in his crime spree and was sent to Cedar Rapids, Iowa to be tried.

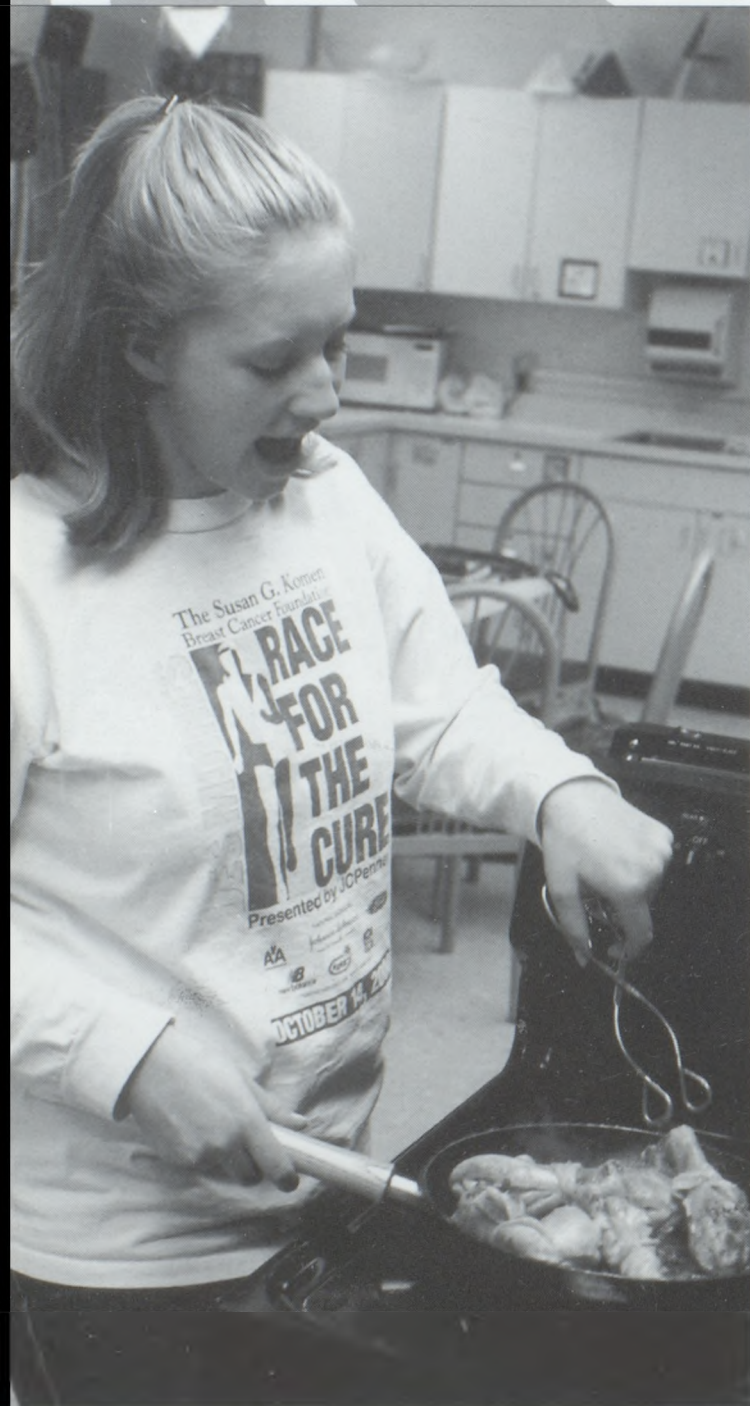
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The offenders of the bus barn vandalism were caught with the help of a \$200 reward for any information leading to the capture of the bus barn bandits. The students who committed the crime were given an 11 day suspension, but still graduated.

22
Seniors attended a picnic which took place at Saylorville Lake. The picnic was a reward given to the seniors for accumulating the most class points. Gym teacher Dave Beason grilled hamburgers and hot dogs to feed the hungry graduates-to-be.

31
The first annual Cornstock took place with five student bands constituting the line-up. The bands were: Eyes Last Glance, Lost Cause, Poison Control Center, S.W.A., The Lifestyle and rappers D'Angelo Johnson and Chris Neeley.

A-Z

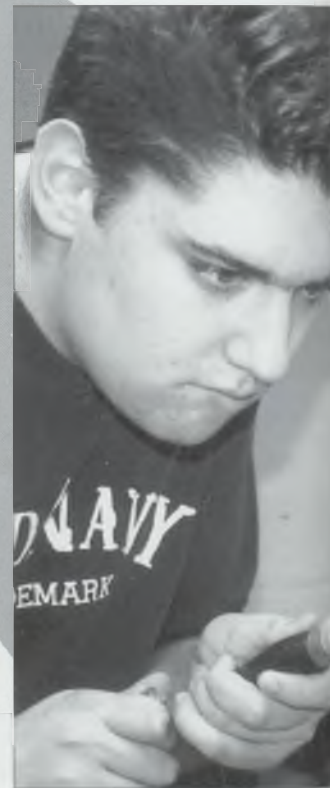
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Senior Erika Devine fries up a batch of chicken legs during her Culinary Arts II class. Devine used the legs to create paella, a Spanish dish, during the class's Spanish cooking unit. The P.E./Wellness spread begins on on page 80. *photo by Woody B.*



Grinning in the midst of her glee, senior Missy Iwig crosses her arms and trusts her newfound friends to keep her safe from the harmful affects of gravity. Iwig did so at the leadership retreat, held during the first weekend of November. The leadership spread can be found on page 70. *photo by A. Dennis*



A-G—28
H-N—66
O-U—80
V-Z—110

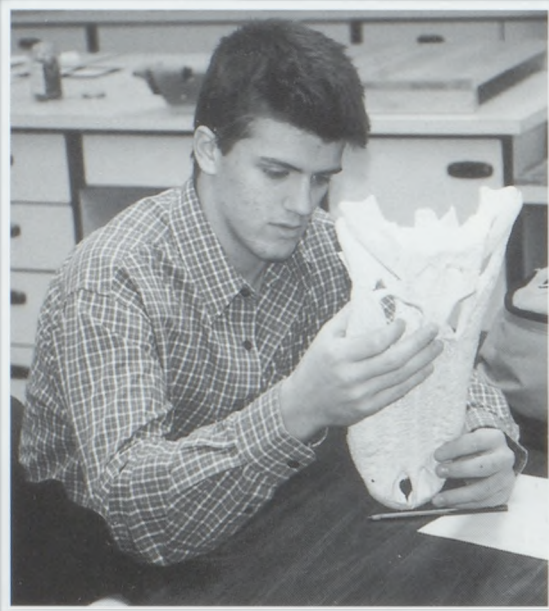
Obviously in anguish, freshman Nick Bussanmas grapples with his opponent, a 119-pounder from Ankeny. Steve France, the referee, kept a close watch on the battle of brawn. The wrestling spread is on page 114. *photo by Aaron Holmgren*



Junior Ashley Symonds, using all of her appendages, propels herself forward, leaving a violent froth in her wake. The girls' swimming page is located on page 100. *photo by Mathew Putney*

Focused on the task at hand, junior Brent Burkland directs burning gas, and thus tremendous heat, towards a piece of metal. Burkland did this in the art room, where his independent metals study was conducted. The art spread can be found on page 28. *photo by Woody Brenton*

With the skull of an American Alligator in hand, Freshman Tyler Laurence studies it carefully for a sketch. Laurence took Essentials of Art with instructor Daniel Weiss. "The hardest project was when we had to show the depth of field of lines," said Laurence *photo by Woody Brenton*



Artistically shaping her creation, senior Alison Waggoner molds her clay. Waggoner took second semester painting with Daniel Weiss. "Art can say a lot of different things to different people if they want to take the time to try," said Waggoner. *photo by Sheena Wendel*



Art View

Photo Art 2 Drawing Metals

"Second semester I endured Metals with art teacher, Ms. Osterberg. Unlike other classes, it gave me a chance to express myself through my metal design."

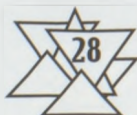
Michael Dammann '04

"Mr. Weiss is a cool guy, and I would take him for any other art class if I could. Taking drawing with him took my skills to a new level, he showed me what I am capable of."

Brian Harris '04

"I really enjoyed Photo Art 2 because it gave me an excuse to go skateboarding. I could tell my parents I had to take photos, and I was, but I could go skateboarding too."

Cyrus Andrews '03



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As he sits at the pottery wheel, junior Ben Parry works on his vase. Parry took clay first semester. It was his fourth high school art class. Parry said, "Clay is the best high school experience that I have ever had." Parry's favorite clay project was throwing pottery. He plans on taking more art classes when he goes to college. *photo by Aaron Hall Holmgren*



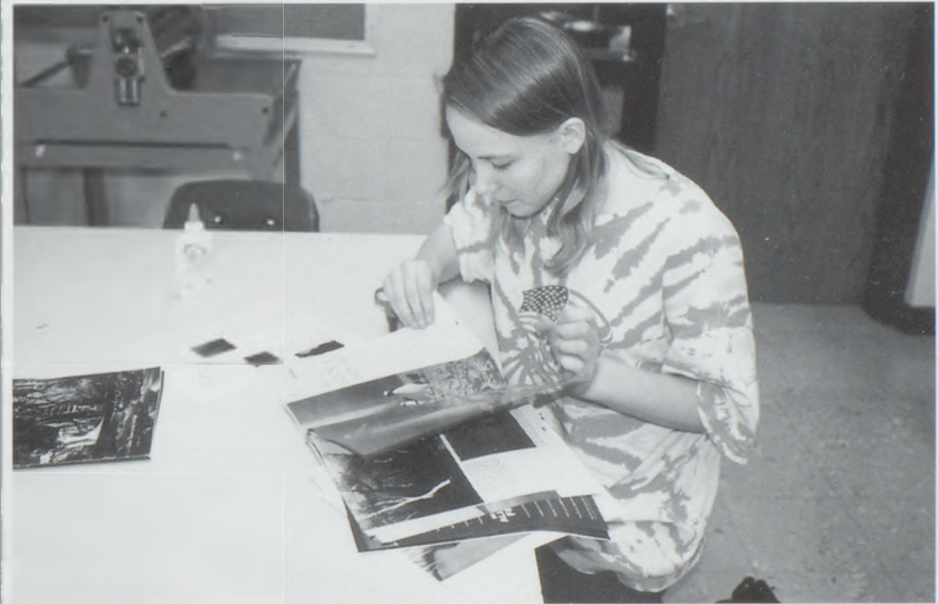
Advancing to college

Upperclassmen look toward continuing with art after graduation

The art program offered a variety of classes covering the areas of photography, metals, painting, clay and drawing. Students emerged from the art program with plans to major or minor in art related fields at college. Senior Lizzie Meyer was one of these students. Meyer planned on working toward a minor in art history. She said, "By taking art classes my interest of art grew and I wanted to pursue it further."

Juniors were also looking at possible art advancements after graduation. Junior Stephanie Proehl considered a career in design. Proehl said, "The art programs have helped me to become focused about work. I have learned a lot of new techniques throughout the three years I have taken art classes, such as print photography." *spread by Sheena Wendel and Woody Brenton*

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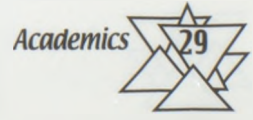


"Tie dyed" with American pride, freshman Michelle Ackelson truly learns the art of photography. Ackelson was taught photo art by art teacher Daniel Weiss. Ackelson cut clippings out of magazines to show different techniques photographers/artists use. *photo by Rachel Vorm*

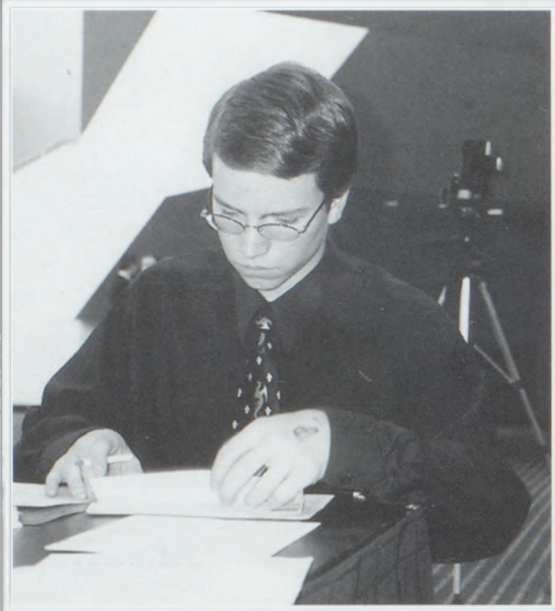


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Pencil in hand, senior Rick Dawson fills out his information to order the group picture. Jazz ensembles all over the state gathered together at the Civic Center of Iowa to compete in the Iowa Jazz Championship. Johnston finished in the top ten. *photo by Michelle Mefferd*



Senior Courtney Douglas stands at attention during halftime of one of the last football games. A new section to flags was winter guard. In this program, the girls participated in a competition at Vets Auditorium and practiced for more contests. *photo by Marissa Stetson*



Band View

Concert Band

Jazz Band

Wind Ensemble

"Our strong point was that we were good at dynamics. Ms. (Jessica) Paff, our band director, said that we were naturally gifted at getting louder and softer."

Michelle Meadows '04

"My goal was to improve on my soloing vibes when I play the drums. We (jazz band) did a lot of contests and were devoted to come to morning practices to make us better."

Nick McKinley '05

"(Patrick) Kearney had us challenge our playing ability by using more energy and basing how we play to an ensemble sound. The songs he picked challenged even the best of players."

Nathan Wylie '02



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Standing still and holding his instrument between songs, freshman Ryan Olson prepares for the next piece of music. Olson said, "The hardest thing we have to do in marching band is moving at step. It is a lot of work to be able to move with the beat, but if you keep on practicing you will get better as more time goes on." *photo by Michelle Mefferd*

Onward to Orlando

During spring break, the band boards buses to share their talent.

For one of the first times in four years, the band took an out of state trip to get more experience when playing for unfamiliar faces. Among listeners at Epcot Music Days[®] included people from different countries such as Canada, China and Mexico.

Teacher Patrick Kearney said, "The trip seemed to be a success. It'd be great to take one more often, but band is just so big now, that the planning takes more time."

Students not only played their instruments, but shared in the excitement of local Floridian amusement parks.

"Going to Florida seemed to be a good bonding time for the band. Our room arrangements gave us the chance to get to know other people and break the cliques that we are in," said junior Elizabeth Gulleen. *spread by Michelle Mefferd*

B



Bopping to a bongo beat at Epcot[®] with their new found African friend, juniors Chris Barks, Martin Schnackel and sophomore Matt Johnson practice traditions. "The guy told us how playing the bongos was a part of his culture and he taught us a few words in African," said Johnson. *photo by Sheena Wendel*

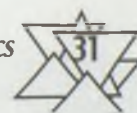
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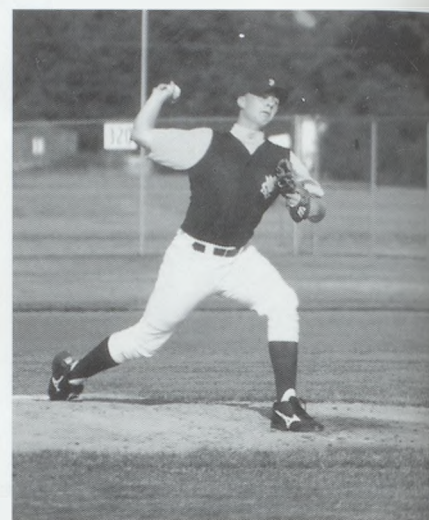
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After coaching for 33 years and taking teams to state, Mahoney retires

▼Teacher and coach Jim Mahoney came to Johnston in the fall of 1968. Previously he taught for one year in Denver, CO, and Council Bluffs. Mahoney was known around school for his biology teaching position. ▼Mahoney made his decision to retire in the middle of the 2000-2001 school year because he felt he had accomplished all he needed to. "He is a great coach, he knows what he is talking about. He always works really hard to try to fix things if we are doing something wrong," said senior Jon Doudna. Mahoney coached baseball for 33 years, took his team to state nine times and won state once in 1977. ▼He coached his final varsity baseball season in the summer of 2001. The team celebrated Mahoney's hard work with a ceremony during the last home game. Players from his past state tournament teams came and talked about their memories they had of Mahoney as their coach. ▼Although Mahoney will miss coaching he was confident he made the right decision to retire. Mahoney said, "I'll definitely miss it, but it was probably time. I feel I did all the things I need to do in high school baseball." *spread by Marissa Stetson and Rachel Vorm*

Chuckling the ball, graduate Bart Whipps competes in a AAU game against a baseball team from Yamanashi, Japan. They came to Iowa to play baseball for the last 10 years. The team from Japan also played AAU teams from Urbandale and Ankeny. *photo by Matthew Putney*

Winding up, senior Tyler Adams throws a pitch during a home varsity game. His pitching record was 2-4. Adams said his most memorable game was when his team played against Indianola and he got to pitch. The varsity team beat them with a score of 3-2. *photo by Matthew Putney*



FRESHMAN

Standing with their coach Matt Waller by their sides, sophomores Derek Rutherford, Chad Costello and Jim Heldt talk about their game plan against Urbandale. In the game against Urbandale the main objective was Urbandale's batting. The plan they used was to pitch on the outside for the better hitters. *photo by Aaron Holmgren*

The VARSITY view >>>>>>



Catching the toss from one of his teammates, graduate Nick Neal attempts to make the play at first base. "He (Neal) was really solid defensively as a first baseman," said second baseman and graduate Brian Huff. "He had high quality sunglasses and he always made an effort to look good while playing on the field. He was also always having fun." *photo by Matthew Putney*



Watching the pitch, graduate Jon Lewton gets ready to swing. Lewton played baseball for four years in high school. His batting average was .322, and he mainly played center field. "The best part of being on the varsity team was having Mr. (Jim) Mahoney for a coach," said Lewton, "I will also always remember the ceremony the team had for Mr. Mahoney." *photo by Matthew Putney*



[From 1968 - 2001 coach Jim Mahoney's baseball teams final record was 607 -457]

B

SOPHOMORE



Throwing the pitch with his left hand, junior Adam Gray aims for the plate during a home game against Lincoln. Gray said, "I improved my pitching from my freshman year, but I was still a little disappointed with some of my games." Gray had two shut outs and one no-hitter. *photo by Matthew Putney*



JV

Putting his arm to the test, junior David Chamberlin throws the ball to first baseman, senior Derek Haden. "I always wore my baseball hat crooked for the game," said Chamberlin, "It always seemed to bring me good luck." Chamberlin played third base and catcher. *photo by Matthew Putney*



[Mr. Mahoney was always very determined to help us out. He was always looking ahead and preparing us for our future and his at the same time.]



[I enjoyed playing baseball this year a whole lot, because I got to spend the whole summer with all of my friends doing the thing I like to do best.]

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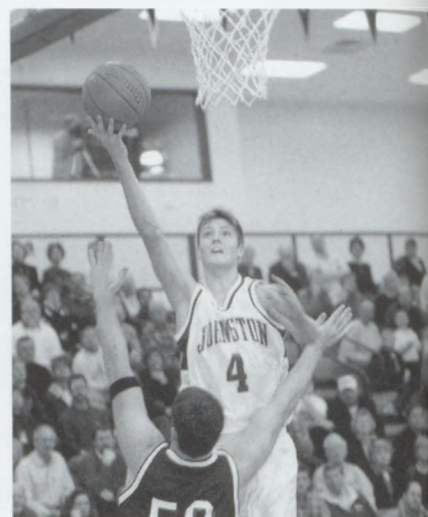
<TEAM>

Three sophomores step up to play on the varsity team

▼Due to the addition of sophomores Luke Bengston, Jim Binnie and Derek Retherford to the varsity team the team had to work hard, accept the new players, and learn to play together as one. They also had to face a challenge of having few players with significant minutes worth of varsity experience. None of the sophomores had any varsity playing experience prior to the season. ▼Coach Jeff Simpson felt that it was important for varsity to be open for all players, which is why he thought that it was important to have the sophomores added to the team. He felt that it was important to judge players by their talent level. ▼Senior Kevin Bjork thought that having the sophomores on varsity worked out okay. In his opinion, the biggest challenge was learning how to win a close game. Bjork said, "There was some friction with seniors who should have got more playing time and didn't because of the sophomores on the team." ▼Simpson said, "When I think of this season I think of a team that has grown, matured, and continued to get better all the time throughout the season." *spread by Sheena Wendel and Matthew Putney*

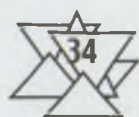
Aggressively driving to the hoop past Indianola senior Chris Engel, 6'4", senior Greg Wardlow goes up for the two pointer and scores. "They (Indianola) knew my moves, and I had a lot of turnovers because of it," said Wardlow. The Dragons lost 40-43. *photo by Matthew Putney*

Jumping toward the basket for the layup, sophomore Jim Binnie skies past a Dowling defenseman and scores two points. Binnie was the top scorer of the Dowling game for the team. This season he also had the top field goal percentage of the state. *photo by Matthew Putney*



FRESHMAN

With the win in mind, freshman Brenden Furrow reaches for the ball in an effort to prevent another few points. "We went into the game thinking that we were going to win," said Furrow. "We worked hard and unfortunately came out on the bottom." He had a total of four fouls in the game. *photo by Matthew Putney*



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With less than one minute left in the game against Dowling, coach Jeff Simpson encourages his players to come out ahead. "This is a competitive group, and unfortunately we didn't win the close games," said Simpson. With 3:12 left in the game, the score was tied at 47. Despite the fourth quarter rally they lost the game 49-53. *photo by Matthew Putney*



[The varsity team beat S.E. Polk, then lost to Ankeny in Districts]

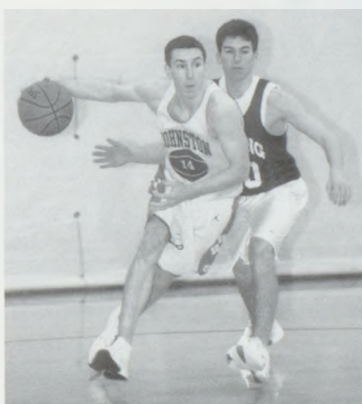
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Jumping over his opponent, senior Tyler Adams goes for a two pointer. "We are a better team than they (Newton) are, but we still lost to them. They just happened to play a better game that night," said Adams. "They were very big and very physical." He scored a total of eight points and had three steals during the game. Adams has been playing organized basketball since he was in kindergarten. *photo by Matt Putney*



SOPHOMORE



JV

Senior Eric Chancellor powers past a Dowling defenseman for a layup. "They (Dowling) were good at the three-point shots, and we needed to defend better in the game," said Chancellor. He had a total of 16 points and four fouls in the game. The Dragons lost to the Maroons, 45-54. *photo by Matthew Putney*



[I'm the (varsity) team manager. I help give the water to the players, and help get the crowd pumped up (at the games).]



[Even though the record of our team doesn't show it, we played hard and had a lot of fun, but we still ended up losing most of the games.]

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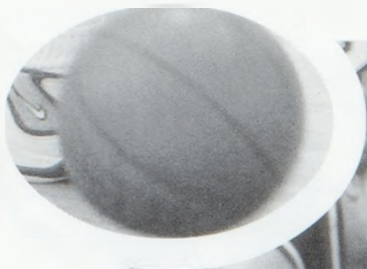
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Hustling for a loose ball, junior Katie Reichling attempts to steal it from her Dowling opponent. Reichling was on the varsity team. Her favorite aspect of playing was the competition and playing against the different teams. *photo by Matthew Putney*

Senior Missy Iwig saves the ball from going out of bounds. Iwig thought that the best part of the season was that the team was really close, and everyone got along really well. Iwig said, "It was neat to play with freshmen through seniors." *photo by Matthew Putney*



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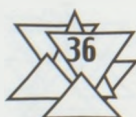
Injuries that occur throughout the season cause challenges

▼Even before the season began, players were hurt. Their injuries, with the additional injuries that occurred during the season, ranged from being minor to being slightly more serious. However, no matter what the level of seriousness was, it caused challenges for the players and the team. ▼Senior Chelcie Goedken, who played center position, endured a fractured foot. She fractured her foot twice before the season began. "I could play by the beginning of the season, but I didn't get to go to basketball camp or train before the season began," said Goedken. ▼Senior point guard Emily Scholten injured her ankle before winter break. Coach Rich Gradoville said, "Emily wasn't really back to herself for about four to five games after break." ▼Gradoville felt that the team dealt with the injuries fairly well. He said, "The team mainly dealt with the injuries by having other people fill in for the injured players." ▼There were approximately three injuries that caused a loss of playing time during the actual season. Other players included Megan Schonhorst, who hurt her knee, and Monica Goedken, who strained her quad at the beginning of the season. *spread by Wendel and Putney*



FRESHMEN

Finishing her move, freshman Emily Fey looks to make a basket. Fey did not play for the first part of the season. She started to play on the team halfway through the season, after she went to a few of the freshmen games. Fey decided that she really missed playing basketball and being on the team. *photo by Matthew Putney*



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Sophomore Abbie Toney shoots the ball in the first varsity game against Cedar Rapids Xavier. Toney said, "I was scared, because one of our posts was injured and one was out for disciplinary reasons. I thought I would have to play more." Toney played on sophomore, JV and varsity teams. She felt that her personal biggest challenge was free throws. *photo by Matthew Putney*



Struggling to get through a trap, senior Elizabeth Guns fights with her Ames opponents, Lauren Morz and Danni Stoops. Guns said, "The best part about the season was when we went out and played games. We got to show everyone how hard we worked." Guns felt that the season was full of teamwork and hard work. She said, "The team never gave up." *photo by Matthew Putney*

[The only freshman on the varsity team, Lori Bjork, led the team in blocks]

B

SOPHOMORE



As she looks for someone to pass to, sophomore Stephanie Robison tries to get the ball past her Des Moines North opponent Savannah Bougher. Robison thought that the game against North was easy because there was not much competition. Johnston beat North 56-17 at home. *photo by Aaron Holmgren*



JV

With her hand in the air, sophomore Stephanie Cameron defends her Dowling opponent. Cameron said, "The first time that we played against Dowling we got killed. The second time we went out, played hard, and we still lost." Cameron enjoyed playing with the upperclassmen. *photo by Matthew Putney*



[There were a lot of underclassmen that stepped up to help us out this season. We got along really well and there were a lot of friendships on the team.]



[The best part was towards the end of the season. It was a lot of fun, because we were looking towards post-season play and it was really exciting.]

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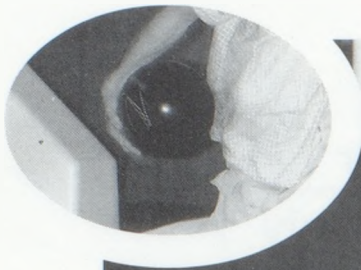
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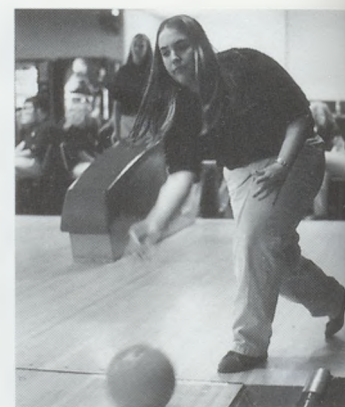
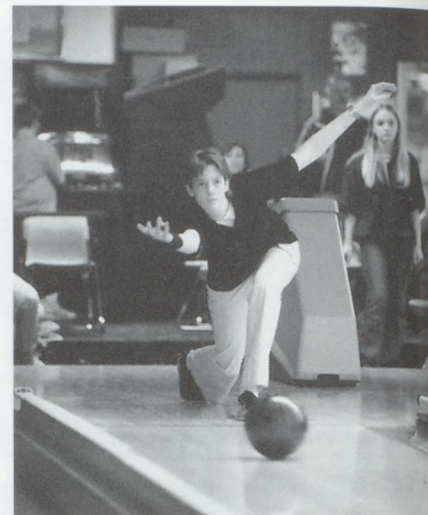
STEPPING UP TO THE <LINE>

Boys place seventh in state tournament held at Plaza Lanes

▼Starting off with an almost perfect season, the boys continued on to the state level. ▼In order to prepare for competition, all teams must practice, but the boys' varsity bowling team put a new twist on how they practiced. "We bowled a scrimmage game against some older guys who had been bowling for a long time," said sophomore Munn. "I think that really helped us a lot." ▼The guys they practiced against were a few guys that knew the trainer from the Des Moines area. "Since the guys were old I thought it would be boring, but it prepared us more than regular practice and I actually had fun," said freshman Justin Olson. They ranged in age from 22 to 45 years old. ▼"These guys had a lot of experience from over the years," said coach Michelle Tracy. "They learned things like how to be mentally tough, and it prepared them for what they would face at the tournament." ▼The five boys who competed at state were freshmen Justin Olson, Travis West, Greg Olson, sophomore Jeff Munn and junior Jeff Therrian. The boys placed seventh out of fourteen at state. They ended their season with a record of 13-1. *spread by Danielle Collignon and Matthew Putney*

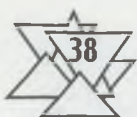
Concentrating on the lane in front of him, junior Joey Van Dyke pulls back to release the ball. Van Dyke played on both the JV and varsity teams, but focused on varsity. His highest scoring game was a 224 against Urbandale at home. *photo by Matthew Putney*

Hurling the ball down the lane, junior Tina Mark bowls at Plaza Lanes (the home facility). "I think that Plaza is the best ally in town," said Mark. "It is clean and not too smoky during the meets." Mark has played on the high school team for two years. *photo by Matthew Putney*



JV GIRLS

The ball rolls toward the pins after being released out of senior Julia Serbus' hand at Plaza Lanes. "I felt that being on the JV team took some of the pressure off of bowling well," said Serbus. "It allowed me to be involved in another extra curricular activity and make some new friends." *photo by Matthew Putney*



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With his right hand, junior Jeff Therrian prepares to rattle the red-ringed pins at the other end of the alley with his 16 lb. ball. Therrian bowled a game of 220 at Ankeny Lanes during the first meet of the season. "The team worked really well together to accomplish the main goal of the team making it to state," said Therrian. "We only lost one game all season long." *photo by Matthew Putney*



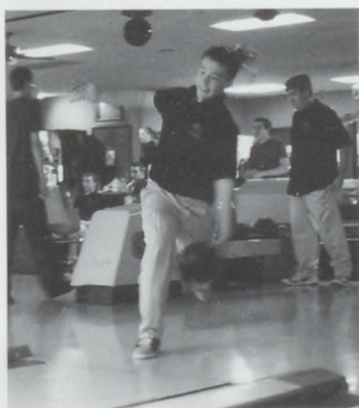
Senior Jessica Turner prepares to release the ball down the lane. "I became interested in joining the team through one of my friends who was already on the team," said Turner. "I love to go bowling, and I have been doing it ever since I was about three years old." Turner also participated in a league that competed every Saturday morning at Air Lanes. *photo by Matthew Putney*



[At the end of the season, the boys and girls had a lazer bowling party, lasting from midnight-2 a.m.]

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JV BOYS



Sending the ball down the lane, junior Clint Saf-Robbins hopes for a spare, after knocking down six pins in his first attempt. Saf-Robbins used a 16 lb. ball, which was the largest regulation size for high school bowling. Saf-Robbins bowled a perfect score of 300 while practicing on his own time. *photo by Matthew Putney*



VARSITY BOYS

Running to the line, freshman Travis West bowls during practice. Although West was only a freshman, he was one of the top varsity bowlers, according to coach Michelle Tracy. "Travis really helped out the team at state," said Tracy. "He achieved the highest score on the team." *photo by Matthew Putney*



[Our team had great support. If we bowled a gutter we would be just as excited as if we had bowled a strike, and that put less pressure on us.]



[I was the oldest guy on the team. I felt like a loser (being the only senior), because all of the little freshmen were always beating me.]

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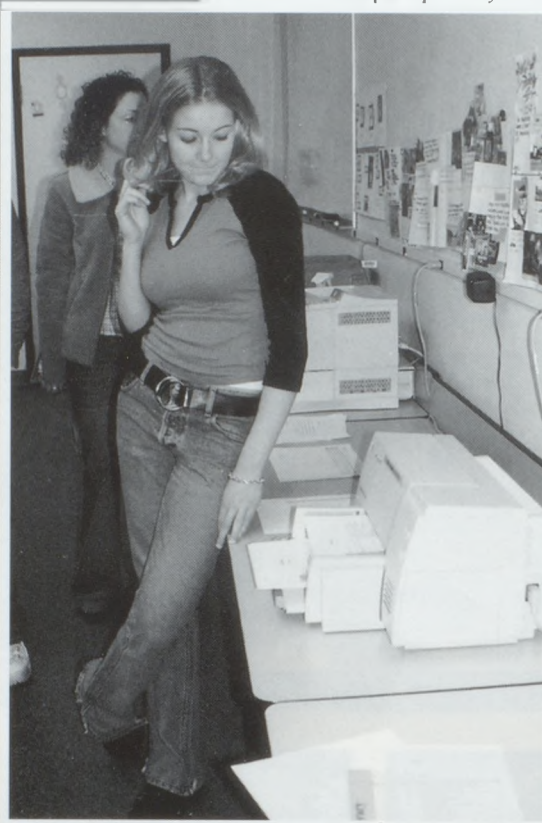
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With a blank expression on his face, senior Ryan Sandmann works on his first web page, that happened to be about himself. Web design teacher Tim Brickly said, "I always make the first web page about yourself because that's what you know the most about." *photo by Alana Brown*



Standing by the printer, junior Katie Gannon waits for her project to print during Advanced Computer Applications. Students were required to print their projects. According to Gannon, there was usually a line because everybody waited to the last minute to print. *photo by Brown*



Business View

Law for Bus./Personal Use Intro. to Business Marketing

"Marketing class was very helpful for my future. I especially liked how we got to design advertisements because I am thinking about one day maybe going into the advertising field."

Jamie Lambert '02

"My favorite thing that we learned about in Intro. to Business was credit debt. I liked learning about it, because it showed the danger of the real world."

A.J. Kohles '04

"I took it (Law for Business and Personal Use) because I like Mr. (Craig) Oldham. He always finds a way to make a joke out of things, which makes the class fun."

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Busy at work, senior Steve Ervin networks a computer that was provided by a computer recycling company, ROCK. He got interactive experience during networking class. "I'm looking into possibly pursuing a career after high school in networking, so I was glad to hear that the school offered it (networking)," said Ervin. *photo by Rachel Vorm*

Seeking a Solution

With no funding, networking class struggles to live up to its expectation

The computer department added a year-long networking class that worked with putting computer systems together. "I proposed adding networking because we have no other classes like it," said teacher Brent Ksiazek.

Since there were no other classes to compare networking to, and no expectations for what the class would be like, the school didn't fund the program. The students were stuck without computers. "I was surprised; I thought that we would dive right into hands-on stuff, because that's what students at Central did," said senior Jason VanGundy.

Ksiazek had to find other ways to get computers. After searching around he got computers from a computer recycling company called ROCK. For the first time students finally learned without using text books. *spread by A. Brown*

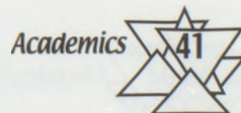
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Studying hard, freshman Molly Ver Mulm works on her assignment during Intro. to Business. According to Ver Mulm, the class was good and the teaching by Oldham was helpful. She said that it lacked variety, such as projects, that would have made it better. *photo by Alana Brown*

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Varsity football squad receives second place at state

▼ Wonderful senior leadership, the ability to work well with others, support and caring are all characteristics used by coach and teacher Stacia Hawkins to describe the varsity football cheer squad. The squad trekked out to Fort Dodge and returned home with a second place state trophy in hand. The second place rank may be thanks to the new choreographer that the girls had wanted for two years. Hawkins said he was good because he came back six times where as in past years the choreographer would come only twice and the team would have to put the finishing touches on the routine themselves. ▼ This was the first time that the girls had ever been in a 4-A competition. According to senior Laura Stradley, the squad really cranked up their effort. They had practices almost every night for two hours and sometimes in the mornings. "We used every moment at our football games to practice our state routine," said Stradley. ▼ This wasn't the last year for just the seniors though, "This year was almost as important to me as it was to the seniors because I was pregnant and would be leaving after the season," said Hawkins. *spread by Marissa Stetson and Amy Dennis*

Finishing up, junior Hailey Cahill and senior co-captains Leslie Ogren and Lindsay Townsend end a cheer. "Being a captain was hard sometimes, because there was a lot of responsibility and pressure on you," said Ogren. "You have to be a good leader for the girls." *photo by Amy Dennis*

Junior Ashley Brown does an extension in the air with her varsity wrestling squad. "I've always been a flyer. I just got used to being up in the air while I was on the Iowa All Stars team," said Brown. "You really learn to trust your bases." *photo by Aaron Holmgren*



FRESHMAN

Freshman Amanda Miller finishes a cheer during a home football game. "A funny memory I have was from when we were at a game where there was a gravel track. The bleachers were low so everyone could see me," said Miller. "I did a kick and I fell in front of everyone. it was so embarrassing." *photo by Marissa Stetson*

The VARSITY view >>>>>>



Performing their *Bring It On* skit, sophomore Kathryn Amendt, senior Amy Heverly, juniors Kendra Vestal, Andrea Hoelsing, Jennifer Herrmann, sophomore Mallory Rives and junior Katie Gannon cheer at the winter pep rally. Heverly said, "My favorite part about the season was when we did the *Bring It On* skit. We had fun planning it with the teachers and I think it was a success." *photo by Matt Putney*



The varsity basketball squad flies junior Ande Skinner in a scorpion. Skinner was the captain of her squad and was usually the flyer for her squad. "Being a captain was a really good chance for me to be a leader and to show responsibility," said Skinner. "Flying was scary at first, during my freshman year. Now I am just used to it and it is fun for me to be the flyer." *photo by Marissa Stetson*

[After five years, Stacia Hawkins retires as coach to take care of her newborn baby]

SOPHOMORE



Pumping up the crowd, sophomores Morgan Leitner, Lacie Woods and Caitie Digman cheer with their sophomore squad members. Leitner said, "Being a captain wasn't too difficult, everyone was really nice. Sometimes it got stressful when we would get off track during practice." *photo by Amy Dennis*



ALL STARS

Tumbling, junior Alicia Metcalf performs with her All Star team. Blaze, during the Iowa State/Drake girls' basketball game. The Iowa All Stars was an organization involving Johnston girls, along with other girls from central Iowa schools. All Stars gave them a chance to perform harder stunts and extensions. *photo by Putney*



[I Improved a lot this year. We all learned how to work together better as a group. I had an awesome time this year, I wouldn't change anything.]



[The season went really well and our squad got along. My favorite part was definitely Tping during state week. We Tped three of the four state finalists.]

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Preparation for Madrigal Dinner involves senior Andrew Czapla getting his face painted by sophomore Veronica Hanson. The dinner was held Dec. 12 and 13 averaging four hours a night. The choir performed over 20 songs during the night.
photo by Jennifer Herrmann



Striking a pose, freshmen Brittany Westercamp and Jake Haden end the song "Rhythm of the Night" with their fists in the air. Sound Advice had four songs in their set. They practiced during class and once a week after school for two hours.
photo by Jennifer Herrmann



Choir View Chamber Choir Innovation Mixed Chorus

"It (mixed chorus) is not really as serious as concert choir. It's like a building block. I think of it as just a way to get better for next year. It's a good way to get to know the directors."

Emily Gibson '04

"The best part of Innovation was traveling to Branson (Missouri), staying in the hotels and getting fourth. We went shopping too. I had a lot of time to get to know other people."

Jessica Flanagan '03

"I really thought the jazz portion of chamber choir was a highlight. It's a type of music we don't get to sing and we got the freedom to show our personalities through what we sang better."

Nick Reed '02



Choir/
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Sophomore Andrea Whitaker and freshman Justin Steggerda perform during the Johnston Invitational to the song "Brown Derby Jump." Synergy had four songs for competition. "Performing is kind of like a rush, going in front of a bunch of people, making a complete idiot out of myself in costume and make-up," said Whitaker. *photo by Jennifer Herrmann*

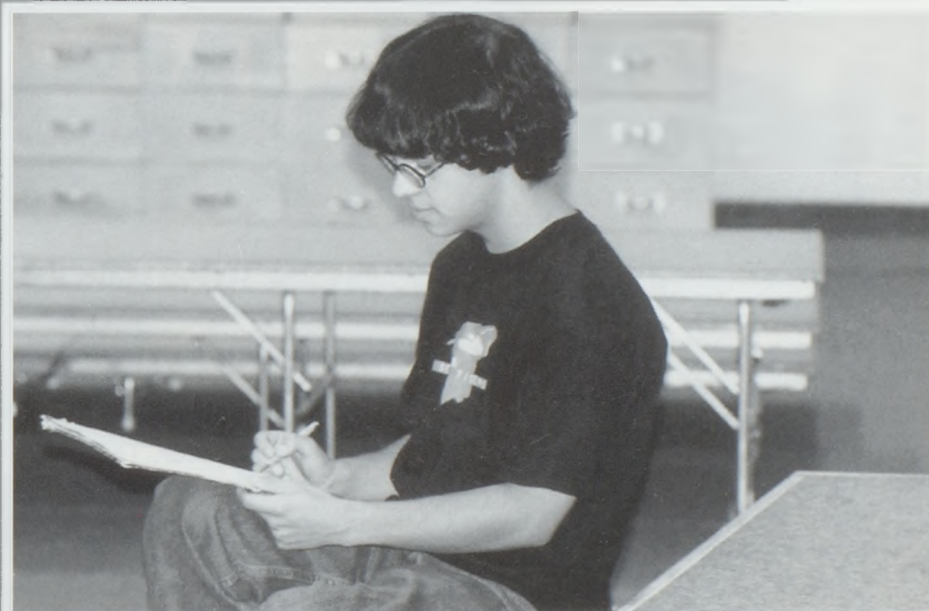
Adding New Voices

Population demographics shift after choir makes change

A third show choir was added, opening new spots and allowing more students to get involved with the music department. The third show choir, Synergy, was composed of mostly sophomores and juniors, while Sound Advice was 90 percent freshmen.

"Having a third show choir was a wonderful opportunity to add more depth to the department and to get more students involved," said Brown. "The middle show choir gave a place to those whose levels of abilities progressed more quickly than others."

Sophomore Amanda Hyde said, "Synergy is a step up from Sound Advice and a step lower than Innovation. We do harder choreography and music but not as hard as Innovation." *spread by S. Cameron and J. Herrmann*



Formulating an answer, senior Elliot Imes takes a test in music theory. The class was offered first semester with teacher Brenton Brown. The 12 students learned things such as identifying music notes and chords, music history and how to write music. *photo by Woody Brenton*



Pulling ahead to beat out Ankeny competition at the Indianola meet, freshman Tyler Swett runs for the freshmen team. Swett made progress by dropping his initial time by four minutes and wrapping up the season with a time of 22:04. *photo by Cyrus Andrews*

Keeping the pace, senior Aaron Creger strides ahead of his opponent. Creger participated in cross country all four years of high school. "I feel that this team was the best one I have ever worked on. We all got along and we all cared about winning," said Creger. *photo by Cyrus Andrews*

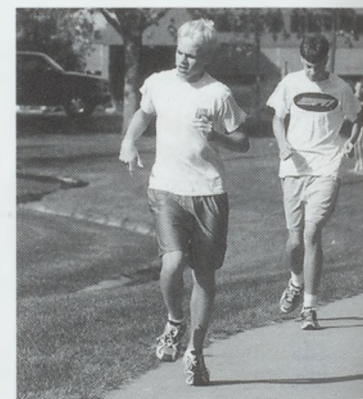


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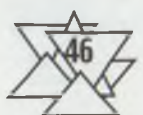
Three freshmen step up to the varsity level to help the team rebuild

▼At the beginning of the season the boys' cross country team had only three returning varsity runners to compete. Consequently, the big question that loomed over the team was who would fill in the spaces. Luckily, three freshmen, along with other upper classmen, met the challenge. ▼"Last year was a lean year. This year we had to pick up the pieces and put the team back together," said coach Dave Beason. "It was a rebuilding year." ▼Freshman Daniel Gillaspey and Joe Thuente were the first two freshmen to start on varsity. The freshmen felt they adjusted well to being on the varsity team in their first year of high school. Gillaspey's best time was 17:33 which, according to Beason, was remarkable for a freshman. Due to the foot injury of Thuente, a varsity position opened up later into the season. Freshman Jordan Seaberg then filled in to run at the varsity level. ▼The boys competed at districts and fell one spot short of going to state. With a younger team than many of their opponents, they still proved that they could compete at the varsity level. *spread by Alana Suzanne Brown and BreeAnn Noel Williams*



FRESHMAN

Jogging during practice the day before the district meet at Marshalltown, freshman Mitch Cline runs the assigned route. Practices were held everyday after school for all three teams. They typically ran five kilometers, except for the days before meets when they would have a shorter practice. *photo by Alana Brown*



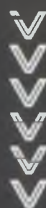
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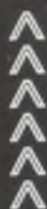
Maintaining his pace, junior Pete Christakos jogs along. Christakos had the best time of the season with 16:40 at the Indianola meet. "Christakos was a strong leader on the varsity team," said Beason. "He was also known as the fourth best runner so far to come through Johnston. Since he is only a junior, he has great potential to be a record-breaking runner." *photo by Cyrus Andrews*



[Christakos, Creger and Reed received the All Conference award]



Senior Nick Reed carries on as he competes in the Indianola meet. Reed's personal best time of the season was achieved at Urbandale and was 17:38. "I was really happy with the work ethic and the effort I was able to put forth this year," said Reed. "I was also glad to see that the rest of the team seemed to be as serious about doing their best as I was." *photo by Dave Seibert*



JV



Putting forth strength, senior Justin Birru accomplishes his best time of the season at an Urbandale meet. He pulled into the finish line at 19:16. This was Birru's first year participating in cross country. "Running in cross country appealed to me as a new experience that I wanted to try," said Birru. *photo by Dave Seibert*



JV

Landing on his feet, junior David Fella continues running. Fella, who was originally from Sudan, participated in cross country for his second year. Fella believed he had a strong background in running due to his childhood in Africa. He hoped to keep up his good running habits here. *photo by Dave Seibert*



[After I got done running in a race, I particularly enjoyed mingling with the ladies. Unfortunately, I was usually rejected, but it was a lot of fun anyway.]



[I wasn't sure at the beginning of the season how we would all get along with each other's different personalities, but we all ended up being friends.]

Andy Uchytel '03

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Sports





YOUNG AND

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Underclassmen fill varsity positions
left by graduates

▼Due to the departure of four varsity runners from last year's team, the girls found themselves lacking leaders and experience. Underclassmen had to be moved up to varsity positions. "The freshmen were good enough to make varsity, so they blended right in with the varsity team," said coach Craig Oldham. The freshmen who were moved up to varsity were Tara Blutt, Ali Keenan, Bekah Gibbs and Lori Bjork. However, freshmen were not the only young people; sophomores Stephanie Robison and Tiffany Barz also ran varsity. ▼To some runners this was a positive change. "I liked having a lot of freshmen on the team, because I knew everyone I was running with," said freshman Leia Lundstrom-Yurdin. Because of the lack of seniors, juniors Christy Ellis, Holly Ross and Julie Crow were made captains. Danielle Beery was the only senior captain. ▼As the season went on, the girls gained experience and speed. "There was a lot of improvement from a lot of the girls, especially the underclassmen," said junior Stephanie Bottoms. ▼Although the team was young, the girls gained experience and finished the season as one of the top 20 teams in the state. *spread by Cyrus & Dave*

After closely trailing a Winterset runner, freshmen Bekah Gibbs storms past her at the Norwalk meet. Gibbs finished the meet in 23rd place with a time of 14:14, assisting the varsity team to their first place finish. Gibbs ended the season with an average time of 13:35. *photo by Dave Seibert*

Sprinting past a Dowling runner that could not keep up, junior Janel Brown makes for the finish. Looking back on the situation Brown said, "I was running with this girl like, the whole race. We were really close and then at the end we were sprinting, and beat her." *photo by Dave Seibert*



JV

Speeding up at the end of the Urbandale Invitational, sophomore Amber McCurn beats her Ames opponent, Abby Cochren, to the finish. McCurn finished the meet with a time of 18:25, helping the JV team finish in eighth place. McCurn finished the season with an average time of 18:12. *photo by Cyrus Andrews*



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Focusing on her next step, senior Danielle Beery finishes the CIML conference meet, held at Indianola. Beery was the varsity team's only senior, as well as the fastest runner on the team. For Beery, the highlight of the season was when she found out that she had qualified for state as an individual. "I never thought that I would, or could, do that," said Beery. *photo by Cyrus Andrews*



[The team placed second at conference, third at districts and qualified for the state meet]



Working her way up through the ranks at the Newton Invitational, an exhausted junior Julie Crow hastens towards the finish line. Crow was surprised with how well the team did this season. "I didn't think we would do too well, since we lost so many seniors from last year," said Crow. "The majority of the team was relatively inexperienced." *photo by Matthew Putney*



JV



Striding toward the finish line, junior Christy Ellis puts the Indianola course behind her. This was Ellis' third year on the team. She felt this year was different from others because of her seniority. "I was used to looking up to people, but now they were looking up to me," said Ellis. *photo by David Seibert*



VARSITY

Her hair in the air due to the velocity with which she is traveling, freshmen Ali Keenan competes in the CIML conference meet held at Indianola. Despite the rain and subsequent slipperiness, Keenan finished the meet in 42nd place with a time of 14:04. The team placed second. *photo by Cyrus Andrews*



[I run cross-country for several reasons. I am pretty good at it, so why not? It also helps me keep in shape, and I have a lot of fun. The competition is also great.]



[The season didn't go well for me since I was injured and missed three weeks. I learned that an injury can be a big setback and it's hard to get back in shape.]

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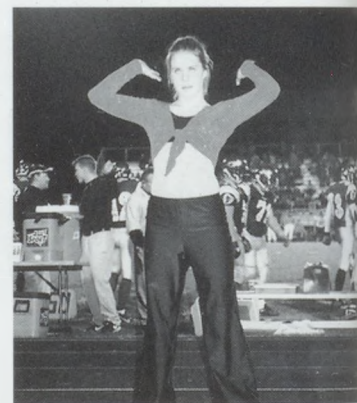
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The addition of a jv team stirs up a mixture of different emotions

▼ The expansion of a second danz team provided more opportunities for students to be part of the program. As a common response to something new, there were a variety of feelings towards the alteration the team faced. Senior Erika Anthony said, "It (adding a jv team) may have created tension between the teams. Varsity gets more publicity so jv feels left out and sometimes there's a barrier between the girls. Jv girls won't feel as close with varsity; it doesn't allow all the girls as much time for them to bond together." ▼ A jv member gave insight to what it was like to be a member of the new squad. Sophomore Rachel Hill described the experience of being on the team as "negative" and felt like varsity thought they were superior. She said, "Every time you would turn around there would be another problem (personality, competitiveness, etc.); the team couldn't let go of their problems during dance." ▼ A coach plays an important role in problem solving. New jv coach, teacher Michelle Vaughan, "preferred to focus on the positive aspects of the season," but said if they had a conflict they "discussed it as a squad, heard opinions and worked together to resolve it." *spread by Grace & Julia*

Dancing on the floor, jv freshman captain Jessie Hill puts on a smile. Hill said being the captain was stressful, yet exciting and fun. "It was like this because I was trying to put stuff together, keep everyone in-line, while staying organized at the same time," Hill said. *photo by Matthew Putney*

Putting on her big facial expressions, junior Erika Stennes smiles brightly. "We learned our 'Ain't No Future' dance over the summer at camp," said Stennes. "We felt very confident about it, especially when we got a great reaction from the crowd." *photo by Marissa Stetson*



JV

As she pushes her hands up in the air, freshman Jennifer Fox stares at the crowd. Fox said she liked how there were two teams, because if you didn't make varsity there was still a chance for you to be on jv. "There was a little tension between us and varsity," said Fox, "but it all worked out." *photo by Grace Schoper*



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Adding poof to junior Stephany Nielsen's hair, senior Tyanne Ballard gets it ready for the team's Michael Jackson dance. Nielsen's hair took about twenty minutes to complete and they used 3/4 of a bottle of hairspray. Although this was not her favorite dance, Nielsen said, "It was really fun to learn and the crowd really got into it when we first performed it." *photo by Cyrus Andrews*



Making her move on the track, sophomore Whitney Lorenc moves her arm to the beat along with sophomore Ashley DuBay and junior Sarah Fey. Lorenc said, "We thought it (jv team) was cool but we had disagreements and they didn't like us. Jv was a good idea though." Lorenc's favorite dance was Freestyler because it was different then all of the other dances. *photo by Marissa Stetson*

[Senior Nick Reed joined the varsity team in their performance to Michael Jackson's song, "Thriller"]

VARSITY



Getting down on the ground, junior Christine Baker completes a c-jump. Baker's favorite move in this dance was the c-jump. The mix of music for this dance was the theme girls. The music included clips from Jay Z's "Girls, Girls, Girls" and No Doubt's "I'm Just a Girl." *photo by Grace Schoper*



VARSITY

On her knee, junior Jessica Flanigan performs for the team's Michael Jackson dance. This dance was one of Flanigan's favorites and took the team about 4-5 practices to learn it. Flanigan said that at first the team didn't like it, but then when they performed it more it wasn't so bad. *photo by Matthew Putney*



[At first we (jv and varsity) didn't get along well, because they weren't used to a jv team, but later on it got a lot better between all of us.]



[(I think the hardest dance move) is a triple turn, just being able to keep your balance during it. We usually do about two per performance.]

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"Shakespeare was really challenging for my first play. It was hard to keep up with the older people and figure out what I was saying."



Ashleigh Freese '04

"I think Mr. (Paul) Miller has done a really good job, but I wish he would have done a children's play for the children's sake."



J.P. Wohl '03

"I was involved in drama in Germany as an actress and I decided to be a student director here so I could see other aspects of drama."



Tina Van Eickels '02

Senior Jessica Madole lays out sheets of newspaper before she begins to paint the set for the play, *A Marriage Proposal*. Madole was a student director for both the fall and spring play. Madole was involved in drama every year of her high school career as an actress as well as a student director. She planed to further her love of acting in Chicago at DePaul University. *photo by Amy Bass*



Rocking in their chairs during performance of *I'm Herbert*, senior Megan O'Donnell and junior Sam Ites portray Muriel and Herbert, an elderly couple who have trouble recalling who they each are due to the fact that they have been married so many different times and they are aging. Ites said, "To get into character, I studied my great grandpa's movements and actions." *photo by Aaron Holmgren*



During a rehearsal of *Here We Are*, Paul Miller gives advise to the student director of the play, senior Nichole LeBrun. Play rehearsals were two nights a week from 3-5 p.m. During her four years of high school, LeBrun was a student director of two plays, on the stage crew for two plays, and a technical director for one play. *photo by Amy Bass*





Miller makes changes

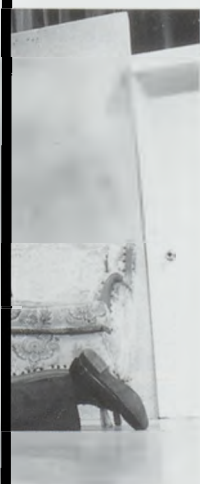
New director, Paul Miller breaks away from traditions.

With a new director, new scripts and new ideas, the drama department experienced changes. Paul Miller took on the department when Phyllis Caswell resigned.

While this was Miller's first time being the sole director, this wasn't his first involvement in the production of a play. Miller had spent time working on plays in New York and he was also a part of the Iowa Shakespeare project.

"Miller had good ideas on changing the drama program, I think it was a good idea to finally do a Shakespeare play," said junior Aaron Hobbs. He put on the first full length Shakespeare play in the fall. Casting for *Romeo and Juliet* allowed everyone who auditioned to be involved. For the spring play Miller choose to discontinue the tradition of putting on a children's play. The plays instead consisted of three one act plays allowing only seven people to be cast.

Miller explains the changes for the spring plays by saying, "I choose plays with a more limited number of students to work more closely with the actors. I wanted to see how far they could go," said Miller. spread by Nicole King



Trying to get sophomore Kevin Hanigan's attention, sophomore Kyla Pierson smiles at him and grabs his suit jacket. Pierson and Hanigan were cast in *Caprecious Pearls* in which Hanigan was a co-director with sophomore Stephany Nielsen. The plays were Jan. third and sixth in the auditorium. photo by Matt Putney

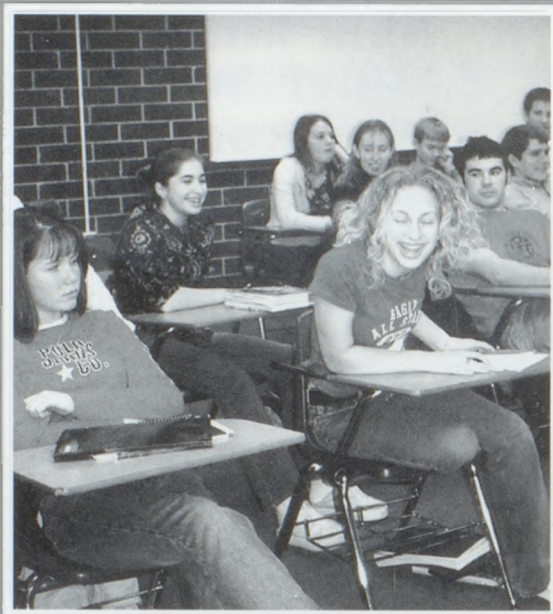
Fumbling for the words to say, senior Ryan Bruce tries to ask senior Molly Ehm to marry him in, *A Marriage Proposal*. In the play, Bruce played Ivan Bassiliyitch and Ehm was Natalia Stepanova. Bruce comes over to propose, but the couple ends up in a disagreement over the land between their houses. photo by Aaron Holmgren

[Rhoads's View]

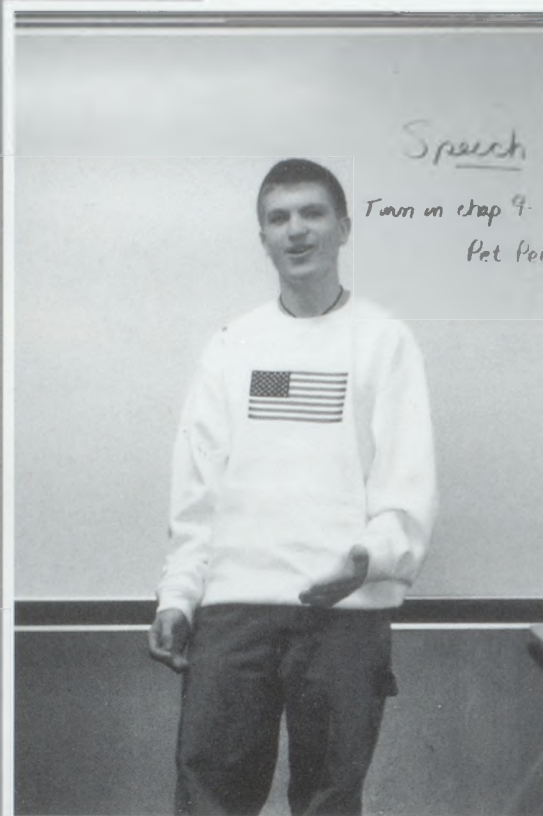
"The kiss (with Whitney Armstrong) in the spring play *Here and Now* wasn't really that big of deal. It wasn't like I was scared to do it or anything," said senior Tim Rhoads. photo by Aaron Holmgren



While playing a game of Mad Libs in teacher Jeff Hawkins' freshman English class, freshman Nicole Gibson laughs at the story they created. Hawkins used the game to teach the students the function of certain parts of speech such as an adverb or adjective. *photo by Jenna Stone*



Sophomore Francesco Roggio speaks about a few of his pet peeves to his speech class taught by teacher Marilyn Middleton. Roggio's pet peeves were not only tiny annoyances, but also he spoke of people that were disrespectful to his friends or others. *photo by Jenna Stone*



English View Modern Lit. Exp. in Writing Adv. Comp.

"I took this class, because I like to write and work with Mrs. (Cheryl) Berglund. I like taking classes with the upperclassmen and competing with my writing. The curriculum is interesting."

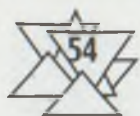
Laura Stobler '04

"I really liked Experiences in Writing, because it was a critical thinking class. The things I wrote about helped me to learn more about myself as a person."

Erin Smith '03

"The books we read were easy-reading. I didn't like having a student teacher, because she gave us more homework than a normal teacher would. I did enjoy the books we read though."

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Writing her last journal for the week, junior Kelly Durand tells about her current book, *The Pearl*, in creative writing. Durand did not have any strong feelings one way or the other whether she liked the novel or not. In creative writing each student had three journals to do each week, meaning the students wrote nine pages a week for an A. photo by Jenna Stone

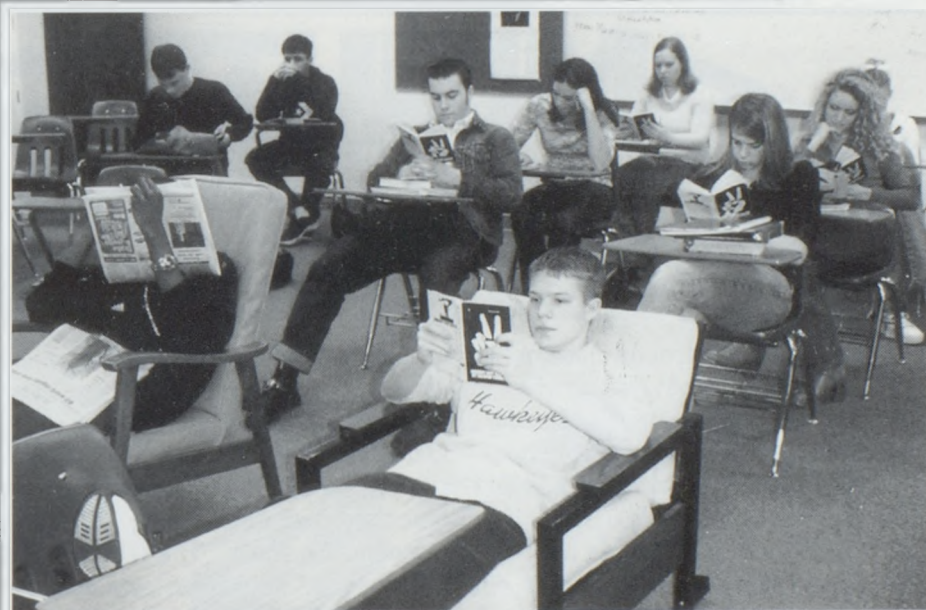
Making a Connection

At home or during class, journaling proves to be an important technique

While journaling was not the most liked activity by students, teachers saw that doing it routinely helped their writing. English teacher Ed Walker's goal was, "to give the students a forum in which to explore their attitudes, ideas, reactions related to reading that they are doing."

Students were surprised to hear they had to write several pages a week. However, the minimum for Walker's students was one page for a C, two for a B and three for an A. Junior Chelsea Hudson said, "At first three pages seemed to be too much, but in the end I found it wasn't that difficult."

This skill provided a break from the strict organization of writing, as well as, allowed the writer to make connections with the material and perhaps change his/her first impressions, according to Walker. *spread by Jenna Stone*

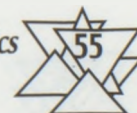


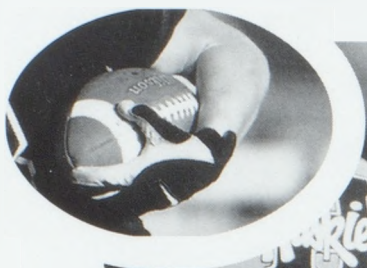
Reading in American Literature, junior Matt May looks at his assigned book, *Johnny Got his Gun*. May said, "I usually don't like reading, but this book was good because it was almost creepy, and it sends a powerful message about war when you read it." photo by Jenna Stone

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Academics





Pushing aside a Hoover Huskie, sophomore Brian Andrus runs the ball for a 35-yard first down. "I slacked off a lot this season. I'm sure my whole team could say that," said Andrus. "That's my regret." Andrus had a total of nine touchdowns. *photo by Matthew Putney*

Exerting his 6'3", 215 lbs. frame, senior Darrin Miedema forces himself toward the first-down marker during the Hoover game. "I think if we had gone into our games knowing 100% that we were going to win, then we would have," said Miedema. *photo by Matthew Putney*



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With two overtime games, both resulting in losses, the team faces disappointment

▼With a handful of close calls, the varsity team found themselves struggling to win in the last few minutes of the majority of their games. ▼The team won their first two games but fell short of having anymore wins, resulting in a record of 2-7. Senior Brad Thompson said, "We could have had a better record if we could have kept the intensity we had in the first few games the whole season." ▼They lost the first overtime game by three points to Indianola. The second overtime loss was by a touchdown against Urbandale. The losses were very hard on the team. "The toughest part of the season was coming back after the overtime losses," said head coach Spence Evans. "Those two games hurt the team's spirit." ▼The team felt they had the chance to win, but they did not put their hearts into it. Senior Brian Stocker said, "We worked hard and sucked it up to play with the best of them, but we lacked the desire until it was too late." ▼At the end of the season, coach Evans announced his resignation which was not related to the record. Evans said he wanted to work harder at his job as the sixth grade dean. *spread by Matt Putney and Megan Morehouse*

FRESHMAN

During the 60 full back dive play, freshman Brenden Furrow hands off the ball to freshman Jake Hukee. "We did all right but we could have won a few more games," said Furrow. Furrow was the quarterback for the freshmen team. Hukee scored two touchdowns during the game against Hoover. *photo by Matthew Putney*



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Senior Jeff Lynch struggles to gain a few yards on the play against East. The team lost the game despite efforts by the defense. "The defense played well," said Lynch. "the offense had the opportunity to score but didn't take advantage of it." Lynch was one of the four captains. "I could have been more vocal in my leadership as a captain," said Lynch. *photo by Matthew Putney*



Junior Jordan Huewe raises his arms in triumph. Huewe had just scored a touchdown with a 28 sweep play during the homecoming game against Indianola. The game ended in an overtime loss. "We had a lot of close games," said Huewe, "but just could not come off with the big plays at the end of the game." Huewe had 28 catches for 407 yards for the season. *photo by Matthew Putney*



[Varsity had a total of 1,282 passing yards, and offense had an average of 237 yards per game]



SOPHOMORE



Passing the ball, sophomore Derek Retherford prevents a sack. Retherford was a quarterback for the sophomore and varsity team. He had a CIML record of 30 passing attempts during the varsity game against Indianola. He had a CIML season record of 53 passes completed and scored four touchdowns total. *photo by Matt P.*



JV

With eyes fixed on the ball, junior Tyler Scott attempts a tackle. "We did a good job holding them (Ankeny) off," said Scott. "They were only one touchdown ahead at halftime." During the season, jv was only able to play two games because the other two games were never rescheduled. *photo by Matthew Putney*



[The best part of our team is how close we are. We do things before and after practice together. We also have great persistence, and the team never gave up.]



[I think that we could have won some of the close games, if the offense could have just gotten it together, because the defense was playing awesome.]

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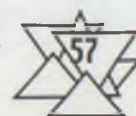


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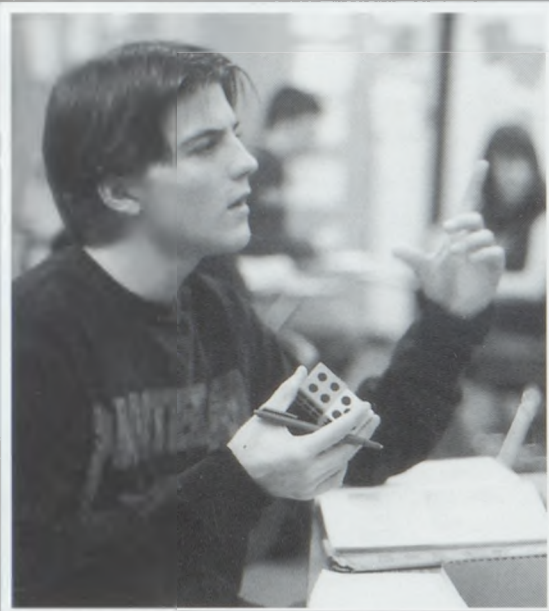
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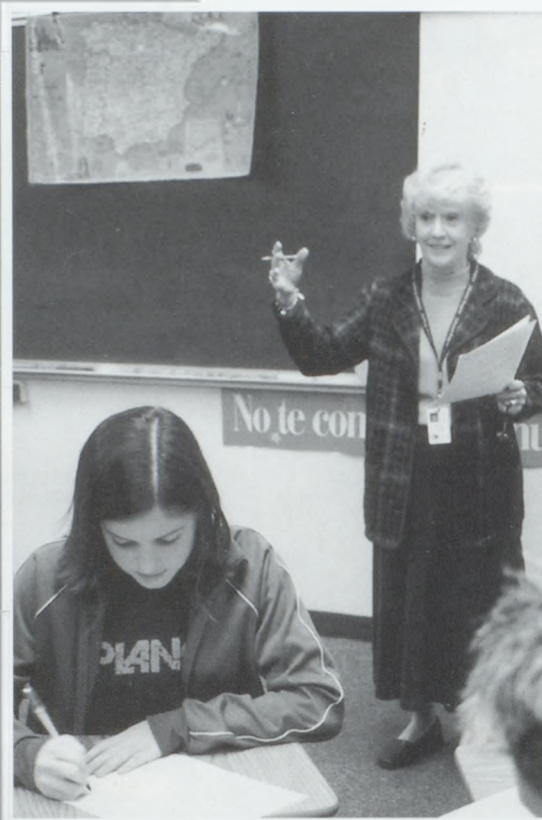
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Diligently conjugating verbs, freshman Nathan Imes formulates the answer dictated by the dice. One die was used to choose a pronoun from a group of six, the other chose a particular verb. Imes played this game, called "Pair o' dice," in his French II class. *photo by Dave Beibert*



Standing before her Spanish II class, teacher Pam Barnes leads the class in a rousing game of Spanish Scattergories®. An original rendition of the board game, Spanish Scattergories® involved using a set of letters to come up with appropriate Spanish words. *photo by Rachel Vørm*



Foreign Language View

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"A.P. Spanish isn't a very hard class. We have already learned most of the language, so all we do now is practice with reading and conversation exercises."

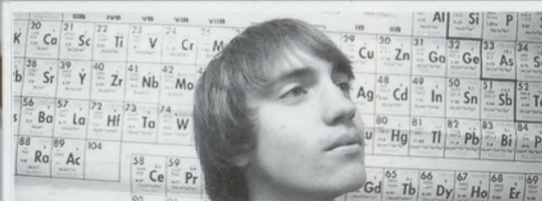
Jacob Jung '02

"French IV is exhilarating because there are just 15 kids, so we form close bonds and get lots of personal help. Mrs. [Mary] Moremond never gives us homework over the weekend."

Laura Sullivan '03

"French I is kind of strange because my sister [junior Ashley Brown] is in the same class as me. Sometimes I copy her homework, but most of the time it's just weird."

Cody Brown '05



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Spanish teacher Joyce Rash stands at her podium thoughtfully answering the questions of her students. Rash, along with Spanish teachers Sue Boyle and Pam Barnes, helped with the organization and planning of the Spanish Quiz Bowl. Rash also took a group of students on a trip to Costa Rica. *photo by David Seibert*

A Tradition Stays Strong

Spanish Quiz Bowl competitors press on despite school budget cuts

In preparation for the Spanish Quiz Bowl, students began forming teams. Due to budget cuts, it was uncertain if every student would be able to go to the competition.

"The budget cuts shouldn't limit the numbers of students we take, but we have to take fewer teachers, because we can't hire too many substitutes," said Spanish instructor Pam Barnes.

Pressing on with the Spanish Quiz Bowl was a relief to the students involved, especially to senior Claudio Saldana, who served as one of our school's judges this year for the third time.

"I'm very happy that everybody is able to go," said Saldana, "It's always a lot more fun when there is a lot of people there." *spread by David Seibert*

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Absorbed in a fanciful tale, junior Matt Campbell reads *Le Petit Prince*, by Antoine de Saint Exupery. *Le Petit Prince* was required reading for French III. Some students also had the translated version, *The Little Prince*, to help them in their reading. *photo by Cyrus Andrews*

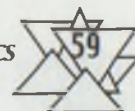
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Even with a relaxed atmosphere, the team makes it to state

▼While golf can prove to be a serious sport, the seniors on the varsity team created a casual environment. Players gave Adam Frank the most credit for this. "Before an important meet, he spent his own money and bought each of us golf balls to promote a sense of camaraderie," said junior Josh Hansen. ▼Other players on the team agreed the seniors were a big part of the stress-free atmosphere. "We had a bunch of seniors lead the way so we kind of felt relaxed and let them lead the team," said sophomore Brian Allison. ▼The coaching style also seemed to promote the easy-going attitude of the players. "The season was (relaxed and the) coaching style just let us do what we wanted to," said senior Ryan Midtlying. ▼Despite the relaxed atmosphere, the team was still able to make it to state where they placed sixth. "At the beginning the atmosphere was kind of goofing around, but towards the end (of the season), during crunch time, we started picking it up," said senior Adam Frank. "Pretty much all the seniors wanted to go to state, so the team members respected and worked from that." *spread by Amy Bass, Stacy Olsasky and Jennifer Herrmann*

Putting his ball on the green, senior Micah Gerger plays in a meet against Ankeny. "State (was my favorite part of the season) because I had fun at the hotel and playing golf," said Gerger. "I also had a good time with my team members." *photo by Matthew Putney*

Hitting a ball out of one of the sand traps, senior Kevin Bjork plays at their last meet against Ankeny. Bjork said he thought the team did really well in their individual game. He said he improved most by playing in the meets because the tournament-type atmosphere helped. *photo by Matt Putney*



FRESHMEN

Goofing around after practice, freshman Jeff Townsend putts his ball toward the hole. Townsend said, "The most unique thing that happened was when we were at the driving range, some kid shanked a ball. It hit someone else in the rib and cracked it, so they couldn't play." *photo by Amy Bass*



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At Hyperion Golf Course, senior Matt Bower sinks the putt. "My favorite part of the season was state because we played water volleyball," said Bower. "Whoever lost had to run across the hotel parking lot in 30 degree weather." Six players varsity players went to state. They were Adam Frank, Zac Nelsen, Micah Gerger, Kurt Albertson, Matt Bower, and sophomore Brian Allison. *photo by Matthew Putney*



[Not only did the team place sixth at state, but they only lost one meet this season]



Chipping the ball toward the green, senior Zac Nelsen tries to complete a hole in a meet against Ankeny. This season was better than other because everyone (on the varsity team) was a senior except for one person (sophomore Brian Allison)," said Nelsen. There were a total of ten seniors on the team. Five of the seniors were awarded medals throughout the golf season. *photo by Matthew Putney*

FRESHMEN



On the green, freshman Justin Steggerda watches his ball move toward the hole. This was the first year there was a separate freshmen team because of the large number of players showing interest in the sport. There were a total of 27 freshman out for the sport. The freshmen coach was Jerry Kinder. *photo by Amy Bass*



JV

Junior Josh Hansen waits in anticipation to see if his golf ball will fall into the hole. This was Hansen's third year on the team. Hansen's lowest score was on a nine-hole course at Waveland Golf Course where he scored a 38. His lowest 18-hole score was at Jester Golf Course with a 78. *photo by Amy Bass*



[I think we did better this year as a team than we have in the past. Individually, I think I could have done better by practicing more during the summer.]



[My favorite part of the season was probably the meets themselves, because we got to go to different places and meet people from other schools.]

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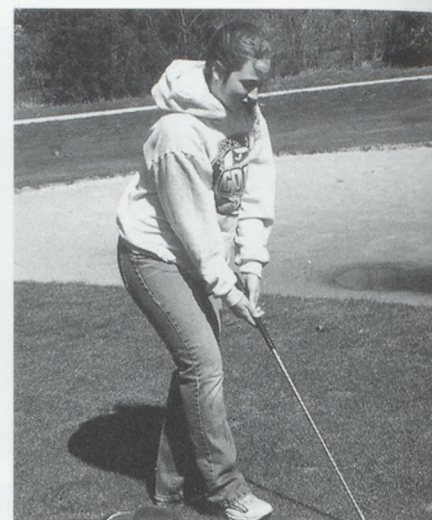
Sports





With the freshly cut grass beneath her feet and the wind ruffling her hair, junior Allison Mendrys finishes her lethal hit to the ball using her favorite driver for teeing off. Mendrys played on the varsity team and she has played golf since her freshman year. *photo by Rachel Vorm*

Getting ready to hit the ball, junior Christy Ellis puts her hips and feet into position. The two girls' golf teams practiced at the Jester golf course in Grimes. They worked on their distance at the driving range and their accuracy on the putting green. *photo by Amy Bass*



NEW TO THE

<GREENS>

The team receives seven new members making it a predominately new group

▼Competence in golf is developed over time and through experience. The team was full of many newcomers who did well personally, but finished as a team with high scores. One reason that there were so many new girls out for golf was that they wanted to try something new. Others decided to play golf instead of a sport they would usually play. ▼"I wanted to do something new and to try a new sport, so I signed up for golf. I was surprised at how well I did, and did much better than I thought I would, being new to the sport," said freshman Elizabeth Janes. ▼With a sport that takes experience to develop skill even Steve Smith, the girls' golf coach, was surprised at the talent thrown at him. "There were many new girls out for golf, and many of them shot in their low fifties which was pretty good for someone who had never played golf before," said Smith. ▼Many of the new girls got to play on the varsity team, which also shows their talents. "I thought it was good that a lot of new girls went out for golf, because we did pretty good and us new girls could play for varsity positions when needed," said sophomore Liz Swanson. *spread by Rachel Vorm*



JV

After finishing her powerful swing, sophomore Aubri Berndt watches her ball fly through the crisp April air. "Mason City was my favorite golf meet to go to, because we got to travel so far away," said Berndt. "It was also a great way to get to know some of the other people on the team." *photo by Rachel Vorm*



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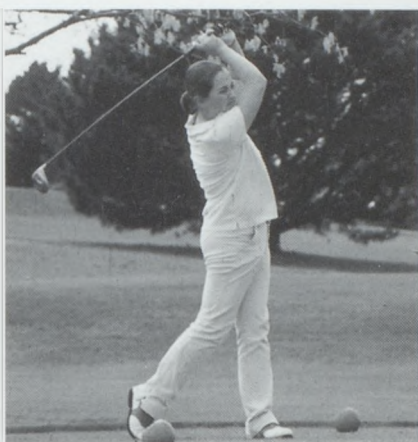
The VARSITY view >>>>>>



Bending down to spot the right angle to hit her ball, junior Kristina Beswick keeps her eye on the hole. Beswick played on the team before and was on the varsity team as a sophomore. "I really liked golf this year, because we all got along well and we got to goof off a lot together," said Beswick. "We would tease each other a lot and have driving range contests when we goofed off." *photo by David Seibert*

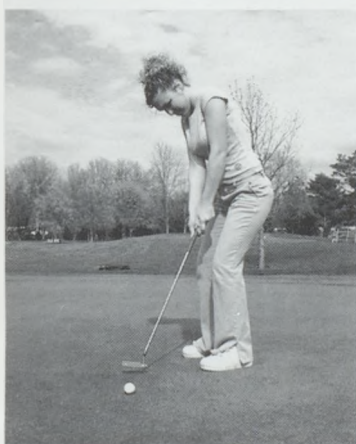


[The school purchased the golf team thirteen new golf bags costing \$300 each]



Giving the ball a little tap with her club, junior Katie Hull tees off at the home meet against Indianola. Hull had played golf for two years and ended up being sixth overall on the varsity golf ladder. Hull was also on the varsity team as a sophomore. "The best thing golf helped me learn was to never give up, even when you had a really bad hole," said Hull. "You just had to forget about it and go on." *photo by Holmgren*

JV



With both of her eyes on the ball and her putter clasped in both of her hands, junior Shelby Haller puts the ball into the hole at Jester park. "I didn't sign up for softball this year, so I decided to play golf instead, which ended up being a good thing to do," said Haller. *photo by Rachel Vorm*



VARSITY

As she writes out her three initials with a blue Magic Marker® on her golf ball, senior Abby Dewitt gets ready before a meet against Hoover at the Jester course. They had to sign their initials on their golf balls to tell the difference between all of the balls that landed in the grass after each girl hit. *photo by David Seibert*



[The worst thing about golf is that a lot of people cheat when playing. Sometimes I didn't keep track of other's scores or I didn't count strokes when I played.]



[I really only wanted to be in golf because I wanted to drive the golf carts, but it turned out that we don't get to ride in the golf carts. We have to walk.]

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GRADUATION

Seniors say goodbye to longtime friends, family and teachers as they celebrate the end of their senior year of high school. *spread by Ashley Elizabeth Brown and Danielle Nicole Collignon*

Signing the guest book at senior Natalie Baltzley's open house, senior Abby DeWitt visits the graduate. She attended the party along with senior Nicole King and DeWitt's boyfriend, Dallas Center-Grimes graduate Dave McClure. Baltzley's open house was held at the Microtel Suites Hotel in Johnston. King said, "I enjoyed Baltzley's open house, because I got to see my friends and reminisce over my great memories of high school. I also enjoyed seeing Baltzley's baby pictures and comparing how she had changed over the years." *photo by Matthew Putney*



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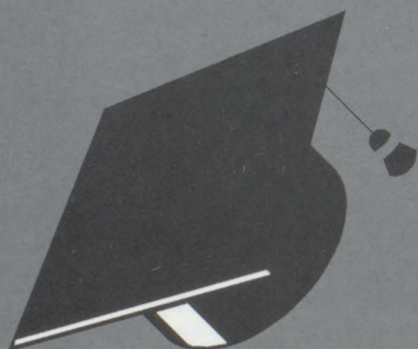
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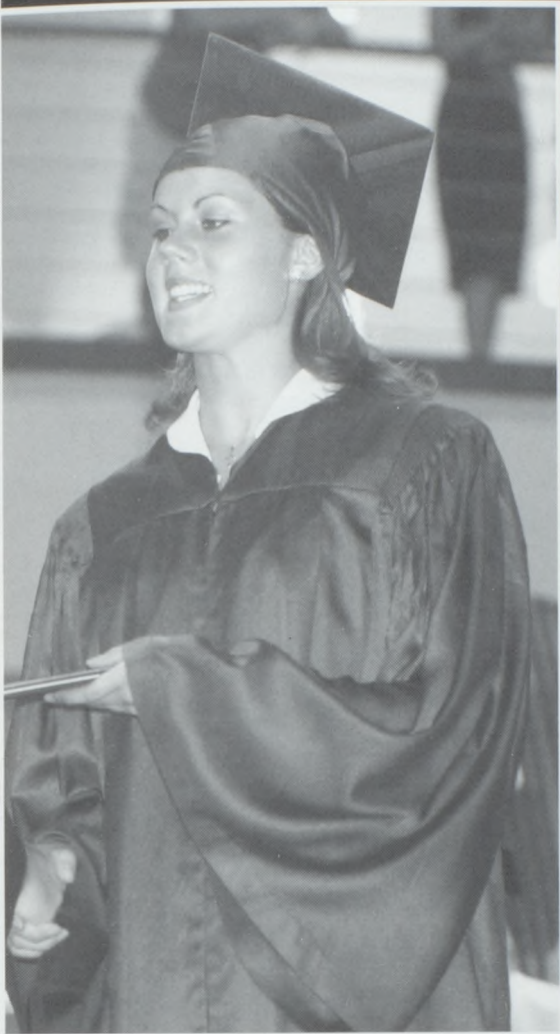
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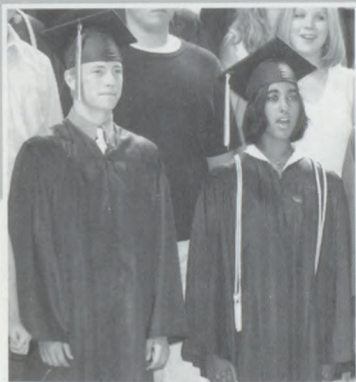
EMILY SCHOLTEN





Shaking hands with the President of Education Linda Kading, senior Annie Marcusson walks across the stage to receive her high school diploma. Marcusson came for her senior year as a foreign exchange student from Sweden. *photo by Matthew Putney*

Senior Bekah Morris and her father Pastor Don Morris bow their heads in prayer during the Baccalaureate ceremony. Don Morris was given the opportunity to speak along with Tim Rude and Jim Kirkpatrick. *photo by Danielle Collignon*



Seniors Nick Reed and Anjana Rao join the concert choir for their final performance during commencement. Under the direction of Jodi White, they sang a song called, "My Friends, We Now Must Leave Thee," written by Isaac. *photo by Matthew Putney*

Participating in the annual Class Day ceremony, senior Blake Siberz places a silver toilet as a senior memento to represent the boys' soccer team. The toilet stood for the theme for their team poster titled "Flushing the Competition." *photo by Matthew Putney*



Getting up to give his speech, senior Blaine Garrett walks down the aisle. Garrett and senior Candice Six were the two students chosen by their senior class as the senior speakers during the commencement ceremony. "The one thing I want people to remember is my quote at the end of my speech which was, 'Lighten up a little and have fun, life only comes around once,'" said Garrett. *photo by M. Putney*

FEBRUARY

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Seniors gathered in the auditorium for the announcement of the winners of "The Class Favorites." One boy and one girl were picked for each category. Categories included "Best Eyes," "Best Dressed" and "Best Legs."

MAY

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Before seniors could board buses to go to the senior picnic, they all had to help clean up the toilet paper that had been thrown in the trees in front of the school the night before as a senior prank. The picnic was at Saylorsville Lake.

MAY

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Seniors attended their last normal day of classes. The seniors last day was a week before the rest of the district's, which was June 3. Seniors didn't have to take the spring finals along with the juniors, sophomores and freshman.

MAY

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The 13th annual Class day Ceremony was held in the large gymnasium. Graduates were introduced and awards were given out to recognize scholars, leaders and their achievements. The ceremony was about two hours long.

JUNE

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The Baccalaureate ceremony took place in the high school auditorium before the graduation exercises. Freshman Lauren Butterwick sang a solo while junior Libby Noteboom accompanied her on the piano.

JUNE

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Graduation took place at the Knapp Center in Des Moines for the first time. The Knapp Center was chosen for the ceremony, because it was able to hold more spectators. The ceremony had previously been held in the high school gymnasium.

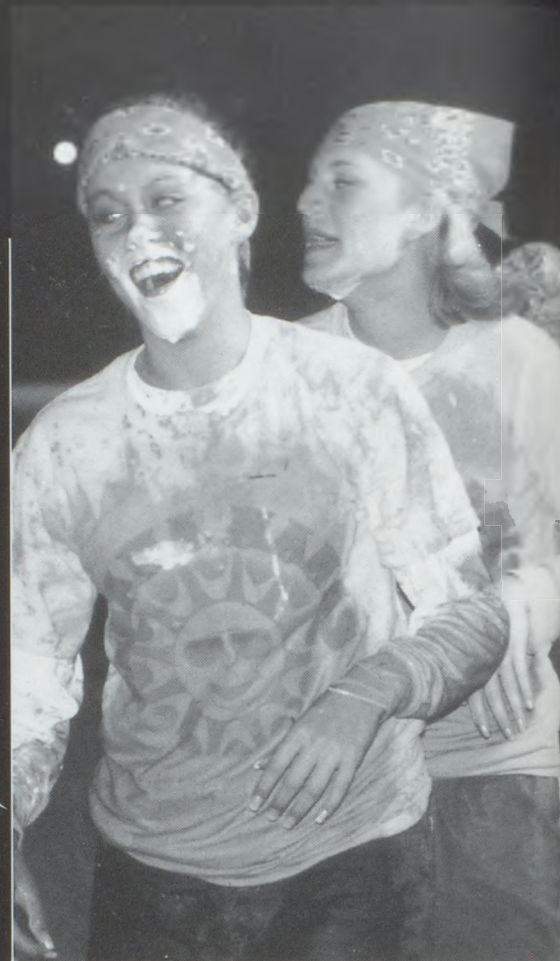
HOMECOMING

Events that students look forward to are postponed due to terrorist attacks. Postponed activities raise mixed feelings from students about whether events should proceed. *spread by M. Mefferd and A. Brown*

Rock Around the Clock teams: Big Booty Babes, The Breakfast Club, Bahama Mommas, Core Bears, Censored, Fridge-Raiders, Team Askew, Goonies



Smiling at the crowd, seniors Dan Rude and Leslie Ogren, king and queen, receive gifts from several representatives involved in fall activities. The gifts were things like flowers, candy, cake and sweat-shirts. Rude and Ogren also got the honor of riding in the homecoming parade. *photo by Matthew Putney*

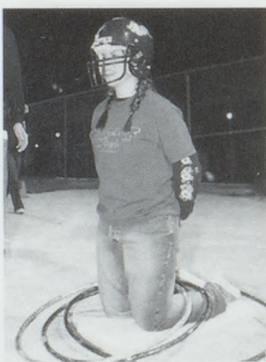


Smiling with her date, Hoover graduate Kory Harris, senior Tyanne Ballard poses for a friend's camera inside the gym. "This was probably the best school dance I've ever been to. A lot of my friends were there, and my date and I really like to dance, so it made the dance fun to be at," said Ballard. She thought the only thing that needed to be changed about the dance was to have it held in a nicer location instead of the school gymnasium. *photo by Matthew Putney*



Juniors Julie Crow (left), and Amanda Freese (right) throw candy during the homecoming parade. "It was odd that some of the events were cancelled, but I am glad that they moved them to a later time that was less chaotic," said Crow. *photo by Matthew Putney*

Do you think the school was right in postponing events due to terrorist attacks?



Having her teammates throw hula-hoops around her during Rock Around the Clock, senior A.J. Konz tries to catch them. "I think it was good to cancel our events because it showed respect, even though other schools didn't," said Konz. *photo by Matt Putney*



SEPTEMBER

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Homecoming week began with Bahama Day. Some students wore leis while others went all out in grass skirts. Mullica Studios provided their services throughout the week by taking photographs of students in their theme attire.

SEPTEMBER

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Seniors Leslie Ogren and Dan Rude were coronated king and queen shortly after the announcement of the terrorist attacks in New York. Discussions began about whether or not festivities should be postponed due to the attacks.

SEPTEMBER

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The third day of the week was Pajama/Toga Day. Seniors were given the option of dressing in togas, while underclassmen came to school in their pajamas and slippers. Others brought a baby blanket or stuffed animals with them.

SEPTEMBER

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The fourth day of the week was planned to be Camo Day, but because of the terrorist attacks, it was changed to Decade Day. Later that night, the homecoming parade took place. It was the only out-of-school event that was not rescheduled.

OCTOBER

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The Dragons played Indianola after the original homecoming game against Sioux City East was postponed. Johnston lost the football game 24 - 27 in overtime. The homecoming court was recognized with their parents at halftime.

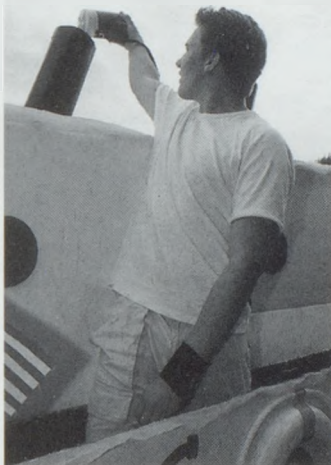
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Homecoming week ended with the dance that took place with the theme "Dragon Cruiselines." Professional photography backgrounds were designed to look like a ship. Seniors Chris Verlengia and Matt Thomas dj'ed the dance.

Wiping whipped cream off of their faces during Rock Around the Clock, juniors Sarah Carlson, Stephanie Lamb and Amy Barth laugh after beating the other team. "My favorite station was the somersault station, because everyone tried to not get dizzy," said Lamb. *photo by M. Putney*

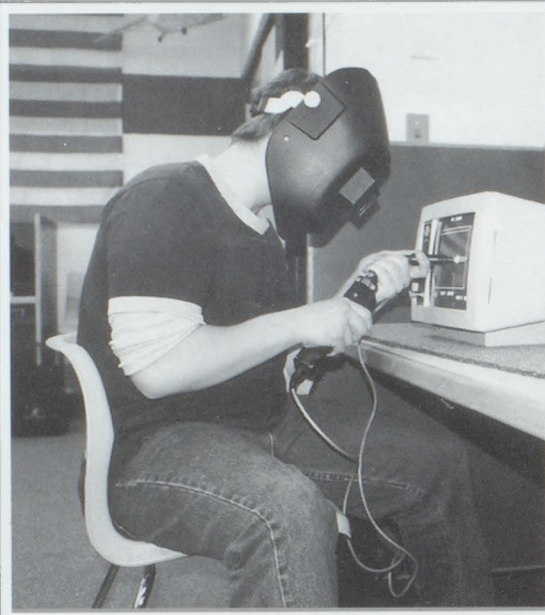
Pouring hot water down a smokestack, junior class president Aaron Holmgren prepares his class float for the parade. The water was poured onto dry ice to create a smoky effect. This was the second year in a row that the class of 2003 won the homecoming float competition. *photo by Matthew Putney*



Paying his date's way into the homecoming dance, sophomore Justin Young enters the dance. Student council put on the dance, and sold tickets during lunch time. Tickets were also available for eight dollars before the dance. The dance lasted from 8:00-11:00 P.M. in the small gym. Students had the opportunity to have their pictures taken by professionals. *photo by Matt Putney*

Senior Brad Thompson, named Mr. JHS, sings "Oops, I Did It Again," by Britney Spears to try to impress the judges and the crowd. The five senior captains of the football team participated in a beauty pageant put on by the varsity cheerleaders during a pep rally. The captains participated in evening gown, swimsuit, talent and personality categories. The prank for the senior football players was to have the boys sample caramel covered onions. *photo by Matthew Putney*

While welding on the computer, freshman James Friestad attempts to create a straight line. In the intro to technology class, teacher Ryan Mayer had the students practice welding while using the computer along with a page of step-by-step directions. *photo by Stacy Olsasky*



As junior Bryan Crosser hammers in a nail on the side of the shed, senior Shane Wilson holds the board still. The construction technology class built a shed in their shop. After it was finished, the shed was sold to history teacher, Jerry Stratton. *photo by Aaron Holmgren*



Industrial Tech View

Construction Tech General Drafting Power Tech

"It's pretty fun because we get to work with engines and we get our hands dirty. We have to take apart an engine, put it back together and then make sure it runs."

Ashley Sullivan '03

"I like how drafting teaches us to deal with computer drawing and hand sketches. It's a fun class, because we do architectural drawing. I'm looking forward to doing airplane drawings."

Hannah Miller '05

"I like the class because it's hands-on. We are building a shed. We poured the cement for the added section of the sidewalk (in front of the high school.)"

Chris Shaw '02



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Concentrating on his work, sophomore Scott Neal shapes and sands a handle for one of the shaker baskets. Neal handled the same part of the assembly line, which was sanding, for every basket that was completed. A shaker basket is a small wooden basket, with the ability to hold a variety of small objects. *photo provided by Stacy Olsasky*

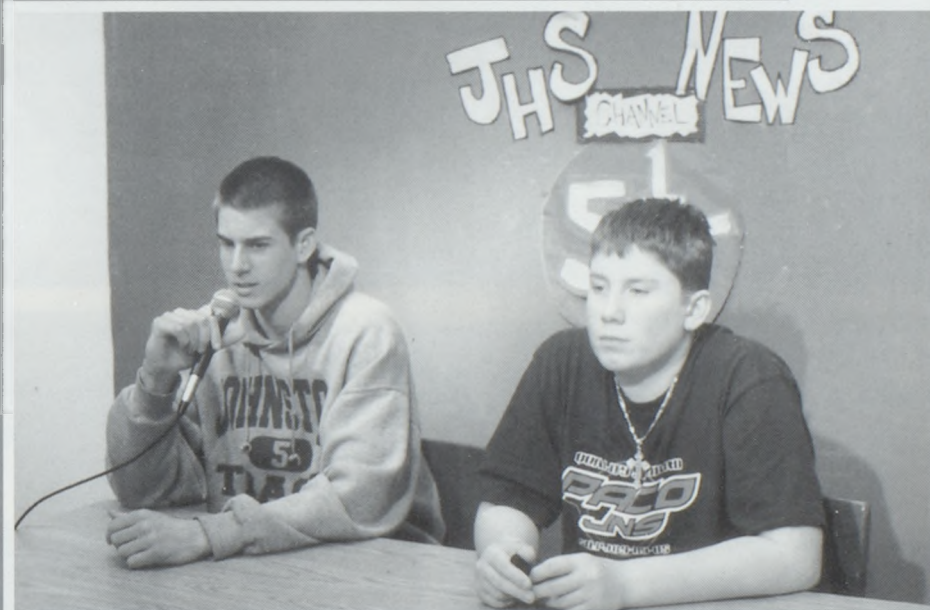
Shakin' Up Shop

Students made extra money while earning a good grade in Carpentry II

The Carpentry II class decided to make shaker baskets for their project. "(We) shoot for different projects and look for new ideas every year," said teacher Ryan Mayer. Not only did they make them for a grade, but they also sold each of them for \$15. Their goal was to make approximately 40 of them by the end of the semester.

According to Mayer, it took them three to four periods to make one. To make the process go smooth and fast, the students worked in an assembly line. "Once you get the hang of it, it's a lot easier to do," said sophomore Bryan Allison.

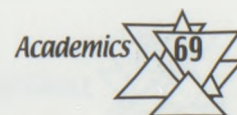
After all the shaker baskets were sold, half the money went to pay for the supplies and the rest went to the students. *spread by Stacy Olsasky and Jenna Stone*



While looking into the camera, junior Jason Ward and freshman Dennis Fraser read the school's daily announcements in video production class. Whoever was interested in reading them could. The students who didn't read them worked on editing and revising. *photo by S. Olsasky*

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"The leaders were fun to work with and the camp was well planned. It was fun to have discussions with your small group."



Colin Kilby, 05

"I noticed that after leadership I got to know people that I did not know before. It was a good thing to get a little closer."



Annie Marcusson, 02

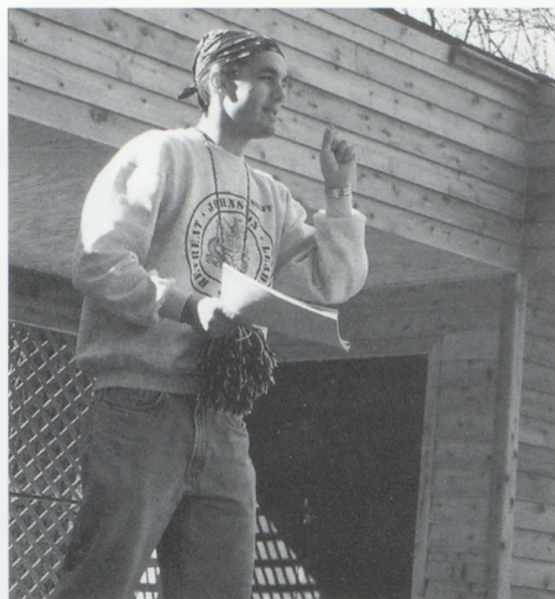
"It was a lot of fun working with Mr. (Dan) Scannell, and he did an awesome job of organizing it. He's never negative, always positive."



Tyler Cate, 02

With a warm fuzzy around his neck, organizer Dan Scannell uses his hands to emphasize his point on the outdoor stage. The outdoor stage was used as a meeting point for the students. The opening and closing ceremonies were also held on the outdoor stage. During the opening ceremony, the students received the camp rules and learned more about the camp. *photo by Jennifer Herrmann*

After attending Y-camp for four years and being a leader for two, senior Mary Kuster reads the warm fuzzy book. S.A.I.L. leaders led their groups and were responsible for having their groups do a volunteer activity. Volunteer activities included helping at the purple party in February, the Johnston Green Days in the summer or at the Animal Rescue League anytime. *photo by Jennifer Herrmann*



Sumo wrestling, while junior D'Angelo Johnson raps in the background, juniors Amy Barth and Holly Ross are armored with pillows. This was part of their skit on the last night of camp. To keep skits clean themes were randomly assigned by drawing one setting and theme out of a bag. The group's theme was sumo wrestling at Las Vegas in a wedding chapel. *photo by Jennifer Herrmann*



Leadership



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[Scannell takes leadership

New adviser starts making changes to the program

Rick Brooks, math instructor, handed over the S.A.I.L. program to teacher Dan Scannell after six years of directing the program. Scannell said, "I've always been interested in types of youth leadership. I would like to see students make changes and have leadership."

Scannell wanted leadership to be more than just a weekend retreat. He said, "We need to make the experiences, the feelings, excitement and passion from that weekend last throughout the whole year."

In order to do this he felt the students needed to take more responsibility in the program. "There were a few students that took a more active role by doing service projects, and recruiting new members," said junior Amanda Freese.

He suggested that students get involved through the required service project, by working with a larger service organization. Scannell thought the camp would be more successful with better student involvement. *spread by Steph Cameron & Jennifer Herrmann*



Off the ledge, freshman Mindy Schoop falls into her small group's arms during the trust fall. The trust fall was an activity that some of the small groups did to create a better sense of trust between group members. Another group activity used props to begin conversations with group members. *photo by Amy Dennis*

While walking down the steps, three friends, sophomores Nina Lu and Jenna Woody and junior Kelsea Watkins talk and laugh about an inside joke. They were walking to meet other friends for free time. During free time students played kickball, football, soccer, volleyball or just talked to friends. *photo by Steph Cameron*

[Schonhorst View]

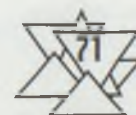
"Leadership taught me to be a cleaner person, by picking up all the trash and warm blankets (on the ground), we helped the environment," said junior Megan Schonhorst. *photo by Steph Cameron*



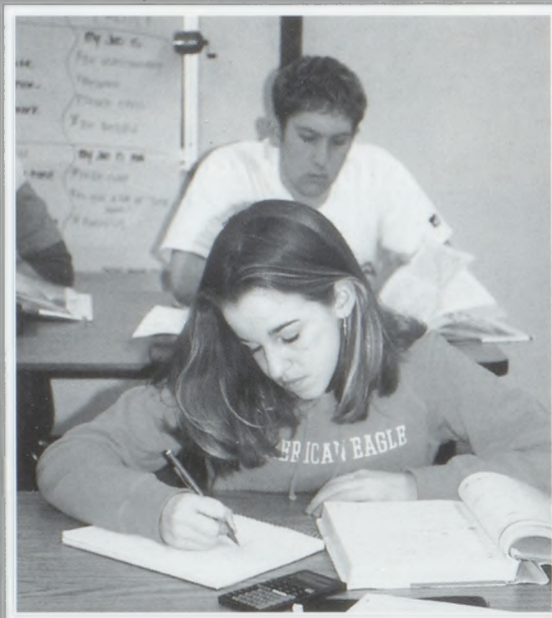
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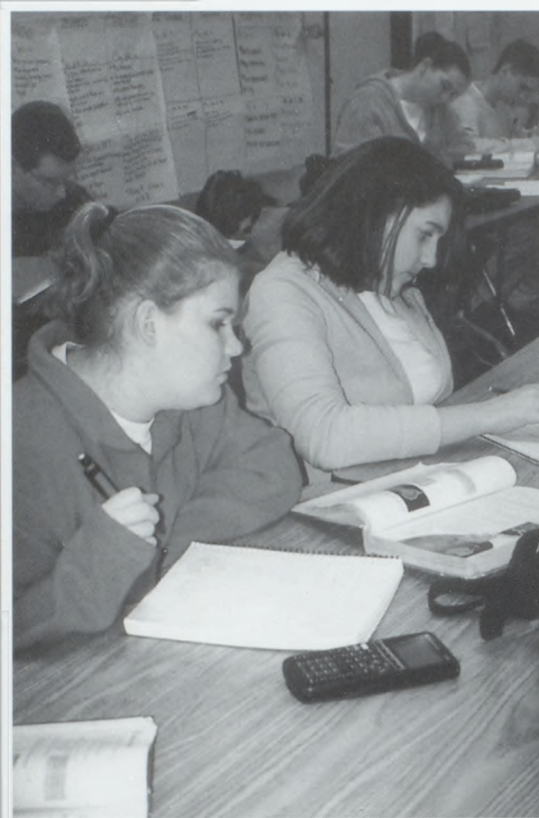
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Freshman **Kiley Waltz** finishes her homework during Math 1 with teacher Julie Lettow. "Lettow makes math fun, because she has fun ways to decide what assignments to turn in. She rolls a dice to see how many assignments we have to turn in," said Waltz. *photo by Sheena Wendel*



Taking notes during Julie Hukee's Math 2 class, sophomores Chelsie Heetland and Sheena Wendel try to learn how to solve systems of equations. "I like the way Hukee teaches. She connects with all of her students," said Heetland. *photo by Stephanie Cameron*



Math View

A.P. Comp. Science Extended Math Math 3

"Mr. (Rich) Gradoville uses analogies for everyday life which helps me understand things. He also uses his overhead a lot and writes everything down so it is easy to take notes."

Amy Marth '03

"The curriculum we learn in extended math will help me in future math classes. This way I can do better in all of the classes which will help my GPA."

Jenny Carol '05

"I enjoy A.P. Computer Science with Mr. (Dan) Petrak. He runs the class well. Petrak gives you time to work on projects and free time to work on homework."

Tim Hilby '02



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Pre-Calc. teacher, Mr. (Garry) Auxier, stands in front of the overhead while teaching inverse trigonometry functions to his class. In Pre-Calc. students worked with analyzing functions. Auxier taught Pre-Calc for 34 years. He also taught Algebra 2, Statistics, A.P. Calc., B.C. Calc. and consumer business math. *photo by Stephanie Cameron*



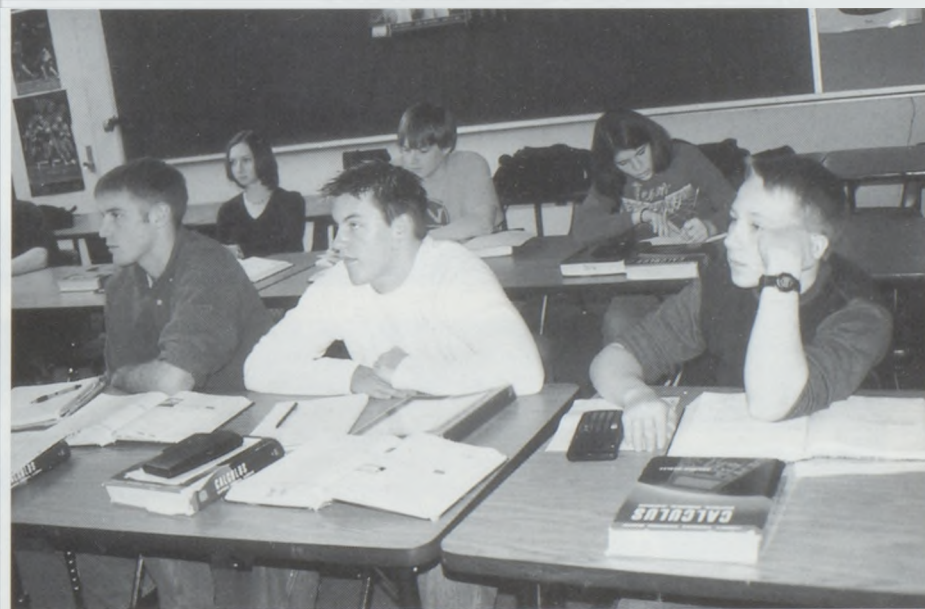
Rude Awakening

Students' original perception of A.P. Stats. change after they experience the class

A.P. Stats. was offered for the first time, and students took the class thinking it was going to be easier than Pre-Calc. Some went on to regret their decision, finding out that A.P. Stats. was just as hard as Pre-Calc.


Senior Amy Dennis said, "I took A.P. Stats. instead of Pre-Calc., because I didn't know Mr. (Brian) Reece and he was new and young. I hadn't heard how hard and time consuming the class was, but I heard that Pre-Calc. was."

The two classes were both important but differed in difficulty level. "I don't recommend coming into this class thinking it will be easy," said Reece. "This is an A.P. course so it has higher expectations, and it is tougher than Pre-Calc. A.P. Stats. provides a realistic look at college level materials and effort." *spread by Stephanie Cameron*



During A.P. A.B. Calc. seniors Jeff Lynch, and Luke Huke and sophomore Jeremy Cordes focus in on the review unit on Pre-Calc. Lynch enjoyed the challenging class and hoped that it would help to prepare him for college. *photo by Stephanie Nicole Cameron*

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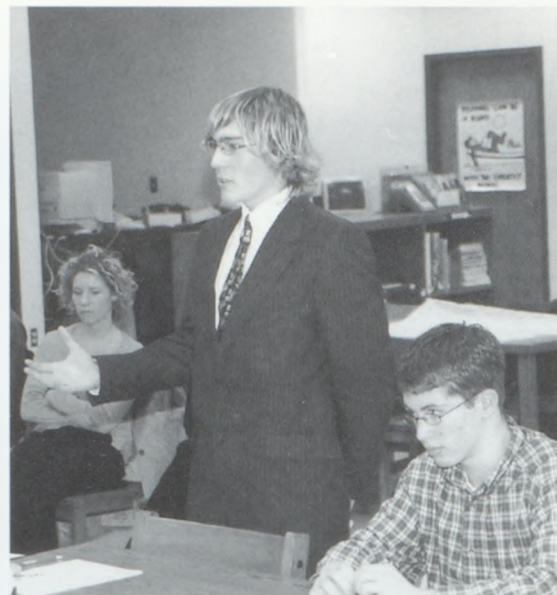


"I was not expecting to go to state this year, because this was my first year (in mock trial), and most people that go have been in it for years."



Ashley Oeltjenbruns, 05

Wittingly showing his point, sophomore Cory Goert declares the "truth." Goert and other mock trial members practiced for the real trial in less than a week. Goert's team was just one of the teams that made it to state. Goert said, "Practice gave me a good idea of the real trial, it's cool knowing all the little things you must say during trial, it's like a movie." *photo by Brenton*



"Failed to prepare, prepared to fail," a motto of his, junior Nick Beary keeps a close watch over the trial. In the trial, Beary played a doctor who performed an autopsy on the murder victim. In the autopsy he found a large quantity of caffeine and alcohol in the system. She was supposed to have anti-depressants in her blood stream, but failed to take her pills. *photo by Brenton*

"Mock trial is a great activity, and my friends are in it. The judges enjoy the newschool attitude I bring to the bench."



Austin Fiala, 04



"Being in mock trial is a good experience, I'm happy this year we went to state, because last year we were screwed out of going."



Craig Buske, 03

Standing up tall and ready to argue her point, senior Sarah Whitten practices before her trial and competition at Drake for state. Whitten played as a defense attorney and practiced with her other mock trial teammates. After her team placed third at state, they went on to a national mock trial competition. *photo by Dave Siebert*



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New Leader Steps Up

**E.L.P. teacher Sue Cline
starts her first year
with mock trial**

The mock trial teams got a new leader and still made it to state, with the help of a new coach Sue Cline. When Pam Johnson, the previous mock trial instructor, moved to Chicago, Illinois, a new leader stepped up to watch over the seven mock trial troops. Cline was originally a history teacher, but was assigned to organize the mock trial situation and be the new extended learning program teacher.

Many students didn't mind the change, because they already had a few years of experience. Sophomore David Blume said, "Mock trial is mostly about experience, and the more the better, and it is somewhat about instinct too."

Although Cline had problems because she did not know all the technical law procedures of mock trial, she still was able to learn from her experience, and have fun in the process. Cline said, "I got to meet a lot of kids I didn't know before, which was fun, and I also learned how to use correct terms for mock trial."

With help from their new instructor, two teams made it to state, one of which received third place. *spread by Brenton and Vorm*



His mind saturated with ideas, sophomore Adam Hsu organizes his thought Hsu played the role of the defendant and prosecutor, in a case of a man murdering his girlfriend with a gun. He pulled the trigger once, then again by "accident." "Mock trial practice has done a lot for me, I can run faster and jump higher!" said Hsu. *photo by Woody Brenton*

With her trusty and truthful stop watch by her side, sophomore Katie Hlavka gets ready during pre-trial. Hlavka was the timer for the defense side and she made sure that her opponents didn't talk longer than they were suppose to. She perfected her timing and other lawful skills from four years of practice. *photo by Rachel Vorm*

[Czapla's View]

"The performance of our two teams was very outstanding. We placed third at state plus we also lost to a very challenging and classy team," said senior Andrew Czapla. *photo by David Seibert*



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Pointing out junior J.P. Wohl's mistakes, senior Chris Verlengia assists the aforementioned junior design a newspaper layout. "Layouts are the backbone of the newspaper," said Verlengia. "A good one will make the newspaper, but a bad one will break it." *photo by Dave Seibert*



Sophomore Alica Metcalf tries to outdo herself, simultaneously chatting, smiling and handing out August issues of the *Black & White*. All the staff had to help with distribution. "You have to barge up to people and force them to read it," said Metcalf. *photo by Matthew Putney*



Newspaper View

Sports Writing

Cartoon Drawing

Feature Writing

"Writing features is a lot more fun than writing some of the other types of stories. I can write about things that interest me; things that I think others will be interested in."

Sarah Hoffmann '02

"I draw about two pictures for each issue. I really enjoy sketching and expressing myself that way. It's nice having such a large audience for my drawings."

Saeed Tukli '03

"I play and enjoy sports, so, for me, sports writing is relatively simple and fun. I think that my involvement in sports lets me write a better sports story."

Abbie Toney '04



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After declining to sit on Father Christmas's lap, junior Sam Ites asks him a few questions. *The Black and White* did an exposé on the different Kris Kringles in the neighboring malls for the December issue. It was concluded that Southridge Mall had the best Santa. Valley West Mall came in second and Merle Hay third. *photo by Aaron Holmgren*

The Good With the Bad

Despite the discovery of illegal happenings during a trip, the staff generates a quality paper

Marijuana was brought and used on a journalism field trip to San Francisco during the spring of 2001. A newspaper member admitted to both transporting the substance and smoking it. Adviser Leslie Shipp discovered this during the first semester of the 2001-02 school year. After this discovery, the staff sensed several changes in the class, but nonetheless produced what they felt was a strong paper.

The San Francisco happenings affected several aspects of the newspaper. One staff member felt students viewed one another differently. "I think it made us look at everyone more closely," said Rina Streng, senior. "It made us realize what can happen when people aren't trustworthy."

Another staff member saw a change in the way the class was run. Senior Laura Gwinn said, "This year things are much stricter, it seems like Shipp wants more detail as to what's going on."

As time went on, the staff put the event behind them. They got on with producing the paper. "Overall, the paper improved," said junior Katie Carter. "We've had good photos, good writers and I think we've covered a lot of different issues." *spread by Cyrus James Andrews*

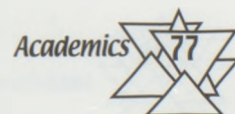


With an issue of the *Black & White* in hand, sophomore Haley Findley listens as adviser Leslie Shipp offers some constructive criticism. After each publishing, the staff spent a class period discussing the good and bad of the issue. *photo by David Seibert*



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"I enjoyed the chance to volunteer for the Dollars for Scholars phone-a-thon. It also looks good on a college application."



Adam Horning, '02

"I liked NHS because it is an organization where the main pupose is to help people and to give back to the community."



Natalie Baltzley, '02

"The thing I like most about NHS is how we do community service projects, and that we actually get involved a lot."

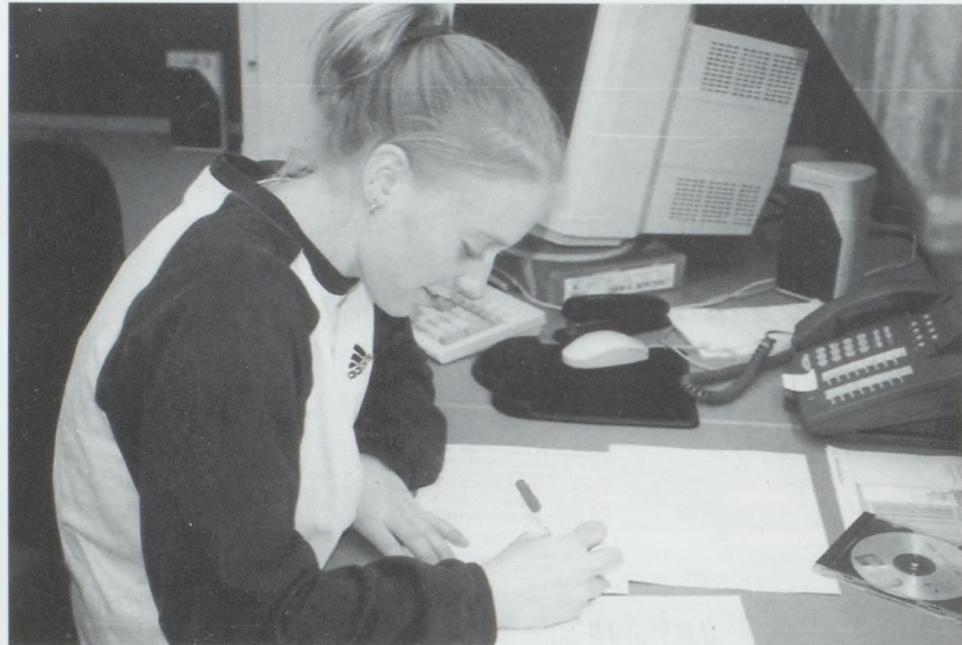


Rick Dawson, '02

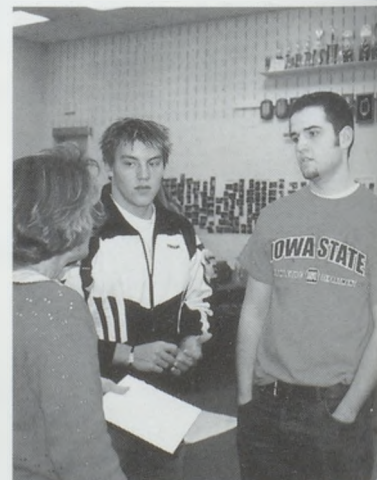
Junior Aaron Hobbs receives his certificate of membership from principal Bruce Hukee. The induction ceremony was held on Apr. 8 in the auditorium at 7:00 p.m. Ceremonies lasted only 30 minutes because there was no opening speaker. There were 59 students accepted into NHS for the 2002-2003 year. The new members met on May 2 to vote on their executive board members. *photo by Tara Ely*



Carefully writing down her donations, senior Jenny Reimann volunteers at the Dollars for Scholars phone-a-thon. The students called from 6:30-8:30 p.m. every Sunday in Mar. at Pioneer. All NHS members were required to participate. Total money raised was \$41,000 and was given out in \$300 and \$500 increments to students who completed the application process. *photo by Alana Brown*



Senior Brian Johnson holds up his arm to increase blood flow while donating blood. A blood drive was put on by Student council with help from NHS members. It was held on Mar. 5 in the area in front of the big gym. Students were given juice, cookies and stickers after they donated. NHS members were allowed to help out at the blood drive to fulfill their spring service requirement. *photo by Tina Van Eickels*



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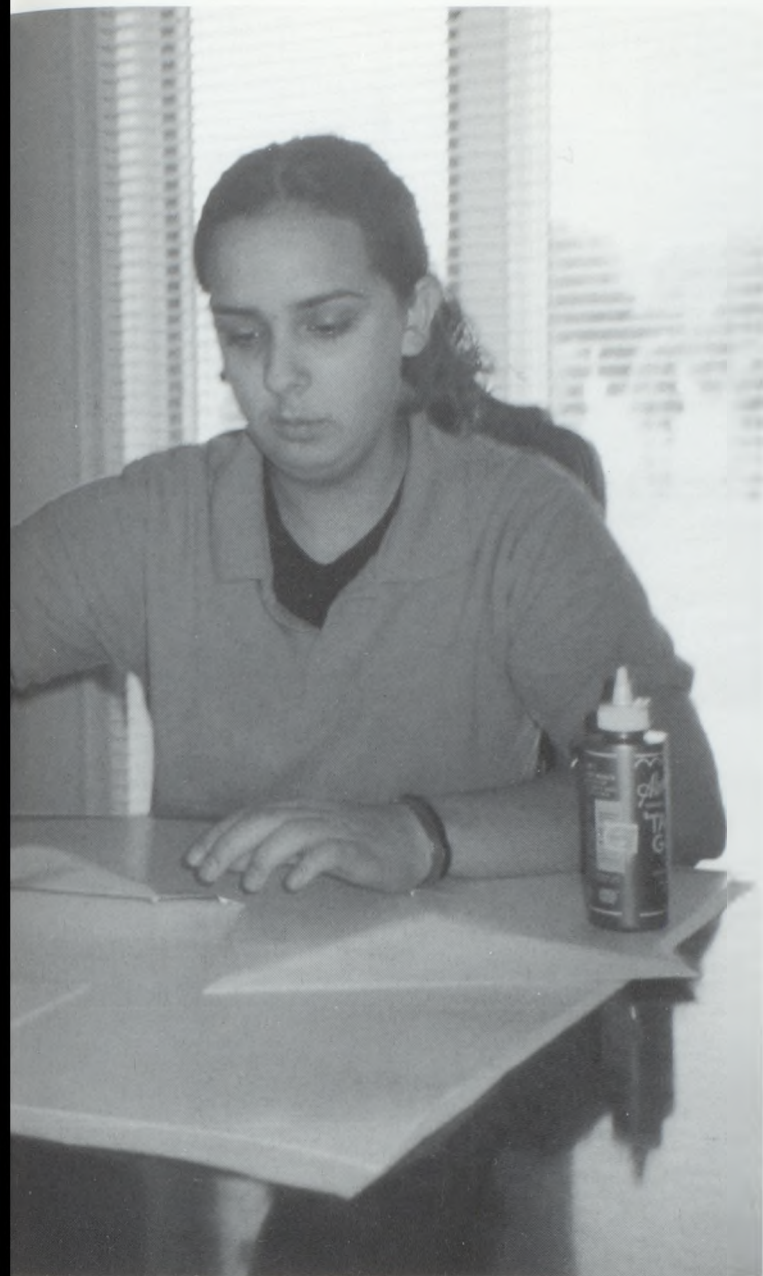
NHS students act as role models to elementary students

The National Honor Society was involved in the national program, Pillars of Success, for elementary schools. According to Shari Walling, P.E. teacher at Horizon Elementary School and former high school teacher, the main purpose of the program was to teach elementary students what it takes to be a good citizen.

Walling asked NHS adviser Julie Hukee for NHS participation. "I wanted the kids [at Horizon] to see that students that are successful in high school, actually use those Pillars of Success in their life," said Walling.

NHS students could choose this as one of two required service projects. Once a month, NHS groups went to Horizon to teach positive values like honesty and respect with cheers, skits or discussions. "It is important to talk with young kids about principles of life. We wanted to make it easier for the kids to understand and act after those principles," said senior Eric Butterwick.

Hukee said the most important aspect of the program was students acting as role models to the kids. *spread by Tina VanEickels and Tara Ann Ely*



To prepare for her presentation at Horizon, senior Alana Brown makes a poster. Brown said, "I actually went to Horizon twice because it was really fun. One time I went we had the kids do skits and the other time we made a game show and the kids answered questions and they really seemed to like it." *photo by Tara Ely*

NHS sponsor, Julie Hukee, talks to senior Dan Rude at a NHS meeting. Meetings were held on the first Thursday of every month at 7:15 a.m. in the chorus room. During the meetings, members discussed volunteer and service projects. They were required to do one in the fall and one in the spring. *photo by Tina Van Eickels*



[Kirkpatrick's View]

"I was nominated to be Vice President of History at the first NHS meeting. I really liked scrapbooking, so I decided that I would like to do the NHS book," said Kristen Kirkpatrick.

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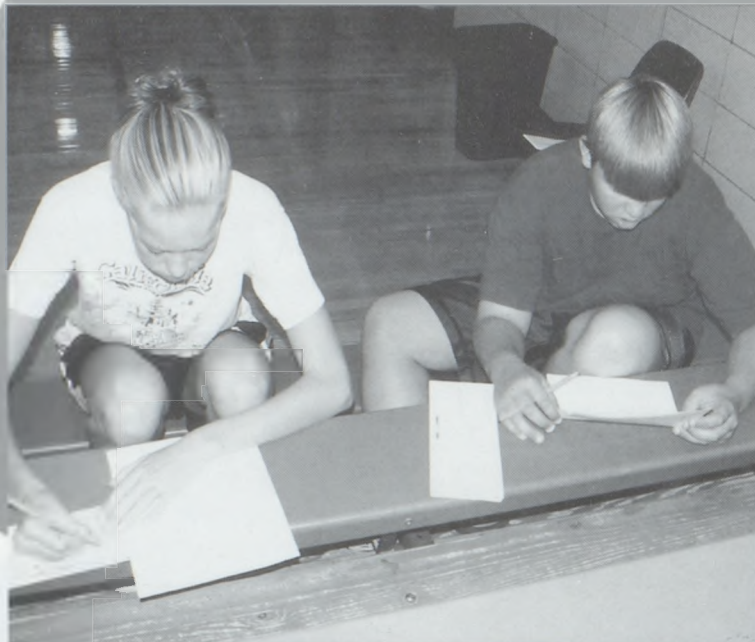
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Keeping their eyes on their papers, freshmen Amanda Rhoads and Kyle Scott prepare for a P.E. test. They took these tests after they participated and learned about each activity. "I would rather do something more physical than testing in P.E. class," said Rhoads. *photo by Rachel Vorm*



Sewing up the seams on her soccer blanket, sophomore Jenny Licht tries to make a straight line. The family consumer science class had to make blankets which also folded up into pillows when they were finished. They created them entirely by machine. *photo by Rachel Vorm*



Wellness View

Textiles & Design Expl. Parenting Health

"Ms. (Jackie) Sapp is a really cool teacher. She doesn't treat me any different for being the only freshman in health class, and it isn't any harder than any of my other classes."

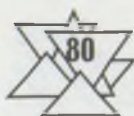
Ben Langworthy '03

"The worst part of Exploring Parenting was when we had to take home the baby. It cried all day and night, and it kept me up during the night when I was trying to sleep."

Amanda Baxter '04

"Textiles and design is different than all my other classes because we get to look at how different fabrics are made and also what fabrics go well together"

Danielle Beery '02

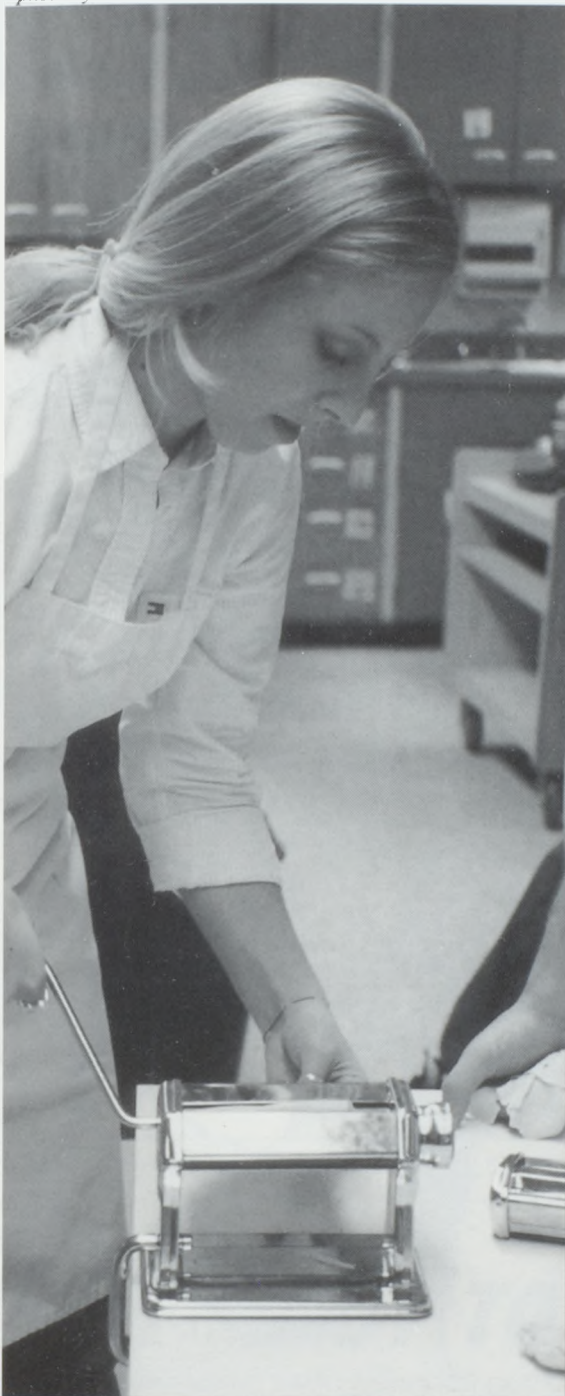


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Pulling out noodles for tortellini, junior Kristen Schroeder helps make an Italian meal. She had help from senior Robbie Robison. The whole Culinary Arts I class used Pasta Maker's® to make the noodles. They pushed homemade dough through the maker and pulled out the noodle. It took approximately five minutes to create them.
photo by Rachel Vorm



More than just Muscles

Adding on to the curriculum in physical education was not a hard choice for some

Instead of just sports and games students tested their minds with number two pencils in hand. They were quizzed over many things including weight lifting, lacrosse and football. With these tests being a new aspect of P.E., it took time for students to adjust.

"I think these new tests are pointless, and I would rather do something else instead of them," said junior Tyler Scott.

Although some student's thought these tests were useless, the teachers did not. They thought they were put to good use, and the tests were important for the physical education program.

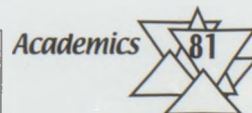
"These tests are very vital, and are another way to measure a students knowledge of the activity we were doing," said Beth Ward, P.E. teacher. *spread by Vorm*



Reaching for the next stone, junior Matt Putney climbs to the top of the tower. In David Beason's outdoor pursuits class students went to Hidden Acres on an overnight camp out. Besides rock climbing students rode the "zip line," an activity similar to hanggliding. *photo by Andrews*

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PROM

The location changed, the date changed, but the fun didn't. From arriving in limousines to jousting at after prom, students enjoyed their "enchanted" prom night.
spread by Tina Van Eickels and Julia Serbus



"I decided to wear the t-shirt because I thought it would be very funny. Most people that saw me thought so too. Afterwards I thought that the slogan fits. Prom itself is lame, you have to make it fun!" - **Lindsay Keast, sophomore**

— Pictured from left to right: senior Courtney Douglas and sophomore Lindsay Keast —



A smiling junior Kyle Sullivan holds the door open for his date Erin Howand, an Urbandale student. "We came right at the beginning (of the dance), because we wanted to have our picture taken and didn't want to stay in line for a long time," said Sullivan. *photo by Matthew Putney*



His back on the floor, legs in the air, junior Nick Root gives break-dancing a try. "I've never really break-danced before, I just thought it would be fun. I saw other people doing it, so I decided to try it. I got some compliments," said Root. *photo by Putney*

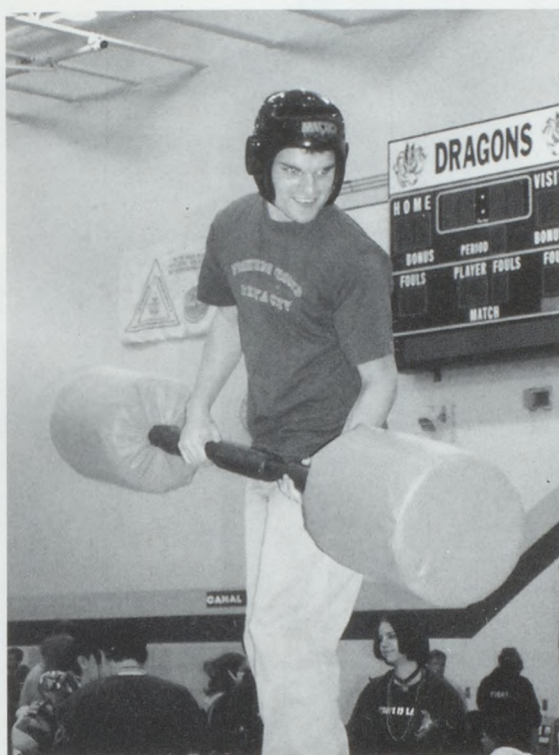


Prom



Senior Matt Bower and juniors Ashley Castellano and Meredith Evans compete in the quiz show at after prom. Winners of each round had one minute in the cash box to catch money and gift certificates. *photo by A. Holmgren*

Prom coordinator Martin Flaherty finishes putting up decorations in the Val Air Ballroom. "I like the work (as prom coordinator) because I get to work with many different kinds of students and it is good to see them taking leadership," Flaherty said. *photo by Putney*



Senior Sean O'Bannon prepares to joust. In the game, two competitors had three chances to push the opponent off the pedestal. O'Bannon said, "I had so much fun at my senior prom and after prom, I wish I could do it again." *photo by Tina Van Eickels*

Reasons **TO** go to Prom...

-- "I think there is something very special about going to your senior prom, even if you don't like dances that much. It's a nice experience and memory." - **Nicole King, senior.**

-- "I went to prom because I figured it was just the thing to do. I had a lot of fun at the other dances this year and I didn't want to miss this one." - **Chris Barks, junior.**

Reasons **NOT TO** go to Prom...

-- "The main reason I decided not to go was because of the cost, but also because I had the chance to chill with friends who weren't going either." - **Jason VanGundy, senior.**

-- "I didn't go to prom because I heard it wasn't all that special, and I didn't want to spend a ton of money on it. I went to after prom though." - **Jessica Freeman, junior.**

SEPTEMBER

After Sept. 11, Starc officials and the prom committee decided to move the prom away from the Starc Armory, where it was held last year, to the Val Air Ballroom. Because of the change in location, the date moved from Apr. 27 to Apr. 20.

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JANUARY

The prom committee started out with 20 members, but in the end there were only five people left with junior JoAnn Van Vleet as leader. The committee set up the dance. It organized the decoration of the Val Air Ballroom and picked out the senior gifts.

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APRIL

Six hundred students came to a "Night of Enchantment," the theme of the dance. The dance lasted from 8 - 12 p.m. Most of the \$6,000 spent on the dance was used for the rental of the Val Air Ballroom, decorations, senior gifts and music.

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Lindsay Townsend was crowned prom queen. She won the election over nominees Jami Divis, Candice Six and Lindsey Way. Jeff Lynch was voted prom king. Runner-ups were Cory Bengston, Blaine Garrett and Aaron Creger.

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A total of \$11,000 was spent on after prom which was held in the big gym. Parents and various businesses such as Pepsi, Valley West Mall, Sun Pharmacy and Papa John's Pizza donated money, prizes or food. Five hundred people came to the event.

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The final event of the night was a hypnosis show from 3:30 - 4:30 a.m. Twenty students participated in the show put on by Kent Sorrells. He had been recommended by the same entertainment group that helped organize after prom.

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Freshmen **Cuyler Coleman** and **John Sachs** make sure their uniforms are in order. Sachs' favorite part of Jr. ROTC was the Raiders team, which was an outside activity involved in the program. Sachs later quit ROTC because he felt it took up too much time. *photo by Matthew Putney*



Senior **Sarah Whitten** discusses her role as battalion leader with **Sergeant Taylor**. Whitten lead the 120 local students who were involved in the program. "ROTC has taught me to be a real leader. I also got to participate in community activities," said Whitten. *photo by Matthew Putney*



ROTC View

Physical Training Leadership Lab Classroom

"Class is pretty interesting. We are learning how to read army maps. It is really hands-on. We also learn how to get along with each other in and out of the classroom."

Erin Turner '05

"I like leadership lab days, because we get to wear our full uniforms to school. People not familiar with the program get to ask questions, and the people with experience can help them."

Timothy Wren '03

"Monday's are hard physical training. We do a lot of jumping-jacks and push-ups. Wednesday's are easy physical training, and we play games such as basketball."

Zach Smith '05



ROTC

Being quizzed on a general knowledge question by an Iowa State Sergeant, sophomore Danie Welch participates in the yearly inspection performed by Iowa State ROTC leaders. Welch's role was the platoon sergeant, which was a back up position for higher rankings. Her job also included filing paperwork. *photo by Matthew Putney*



Marching for Perfection

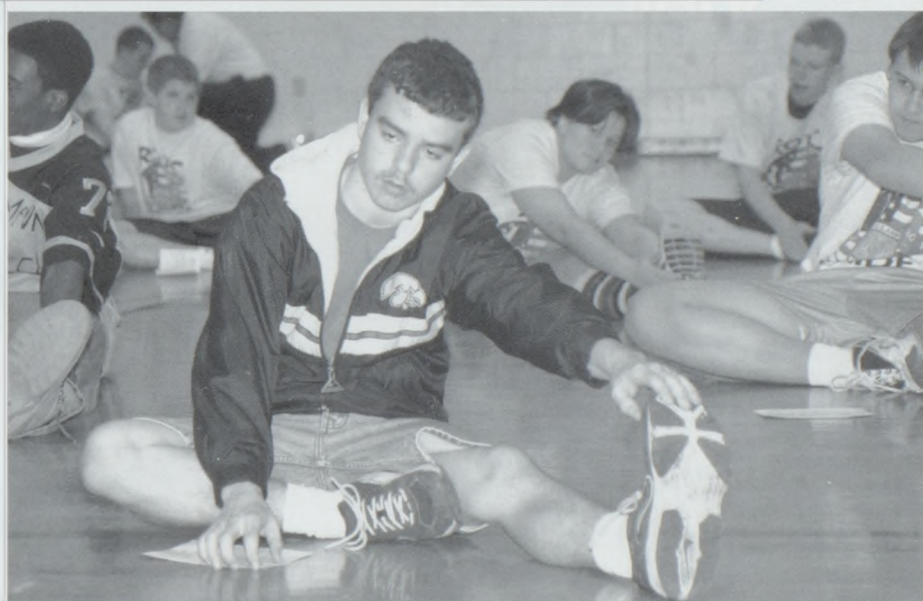
Hard work and dedication pays off when the Jr. ROTC program earns the Gold Star

Every three years officials came from Iowa State University to evaluate the Jr. ROTC program and issue stars in addition to the yearly evaluations that were performed.

"In 1995, the program was awarded the Gold Star, which honored the program with distinction. In 1999, the battalion was issued the blue star, which was a ranking lower than the gold star," said senior Vanessa Smith.

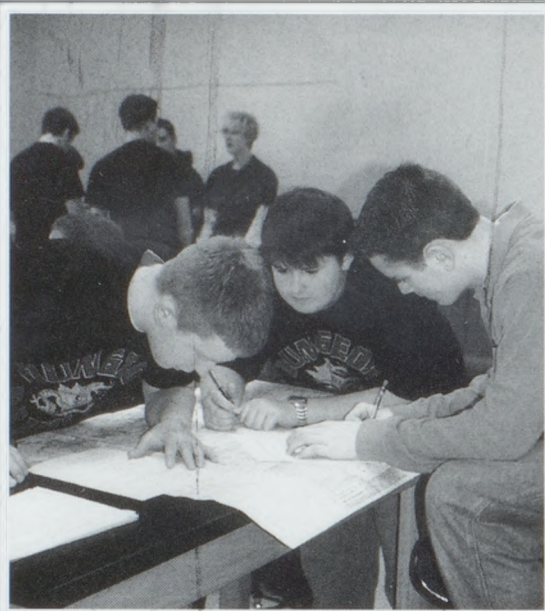
The Jr. ROTC members prepared for the evaluation by studying in the classroom, staying fit in physical training and always marching on leadership lab days. "I wanted the gold star back, so I did my best," said sophomore Jennifer Bemisdarfer.

The evaluation was successful, and once again, the program was awarded the gold star for the evaluation. *spread by Ashley Brown*



Stretching out his leg, freshman David Kern participates in one of his hard physical training classes at Hoover's small gym. Kern joined the Jr. ROTC program because he wanted to experiment something he was not familiar with. *photo by Matthew Putney*

Freshmen Cory Shannon, Colin Kilby and Ryan Bass search over a map of Iowa during Keith Lippincott's physical science class. They spent two weeks on developing map skills, working on map research and studying the Continental Drift Theory.
photo by Yearbook



Freshman Kyle Catron blows up the balloon on his rocket car to test it during conceptual physics. Catron tested its ability to move against other students' cars. The cars were built to help the students understand Newton's Law of Motion.
photo by Nicole King



Science View

AP Biology Physics Biology

"I like how we do a lot of experiments in class. It keeps us busy and we have a lot of fun while we are learning. Mrs. (Stacy) Vaughn is a great teacher and she makes the class interesting."

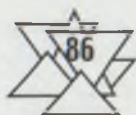
Becca Smith '04

"One of the funniest labs we did was the egg drop. We had to make something to keep an egg from breaking, but we only had 20 minutes so almost everyone broke their eggs"

Stacey Johnson '03

"I liked that we went on a lot of field trips. My favorite one was to Pioneer. We got to do a lot of fun activities and labs and we talked to the guy who invented the first gene-gun."

Claudio Saldana '02



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Offering help during his 5th and 6th period block of general chemistry, Friedrich tries to answer junior Grant Andersen's questions. "I think Mr. Friedrich really helps you learn what it is you are doing. My favorite part of the class is the labs he has us do. Although his labs are pretty interesting, some of our assignments are boring." *photo by Tina VanEickels*

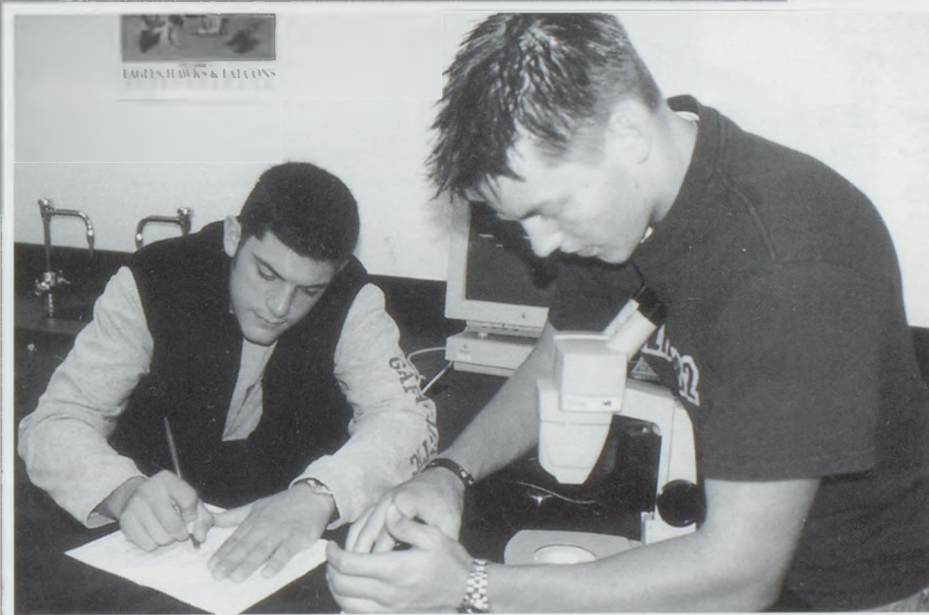
Student Friendly Friedrich

New teacher takes on challenges of a new class and offers assistance to his students

When the science department decided to replace Honor Chemistry with AP Chemistry, Chris Friedrich seemed to be the man for the job because of his experience in teaching the class at his former school. Before the class started, Friedrich sent out a letter explaining the challenges of the class. "I wanted students to go into this knowing the time they would have to put in, and their eyes wide open," said Friedrich.

What made Friedrich so widely appreciated was his style of teaching. Senior Milan Kuzmanov said, "I think he's a great teacher because he explains everything when I don't understand something."

Friedrich's mentor, Terry Frisch said, "He cares a lot about his students and is very student friendly." *spread by Nicole King and Tina VanEickels*

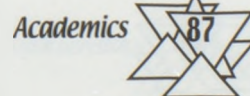


As he works on a lab in AP Biology, senior Luke Hukee prepares the specimen while senior Matt Lunn records the data. The class required students to read 2-3 chapters per week. Hukee said, "The hardest part of the class was balancing the homework during football season." *photo by Sinnwell*



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PART OF THE <FAMILY>

Team's success comes from close relationships on and off field

▼In 40 practices, 18 games and 18 pasta dinners the team found a bond that went deeper than the game. Elementary teacher and coach Matt Todd said, "Being that we eat dinner together two to three times a week has really made the team seem like a family." ▼This close relationship helped players stay positive when things didn't go well. "We were really close-knit so nobody got too mad when another player made an error. Instead we encouraged each other and had good attitudes which helped us play better together," said senior Blake Siberz. ▼The Urbandale game demonstrated the team's closeness and how it helped improve their game. "Urbandale has always killed us, but this year we were able to tie the game, but lost in the shoot out," said senior Matt Walters. "I think what got us that far was that we were able to stay positive because we understand each other so well." ▼Finishing the season with a record of 12-5 resulted from the team's tightness. Kading said, "Our pasta dinners, practices and games were a big factor in unifying us as a team and leading us well into districts and allowing us to have a winning season." *spread by Tara Ely and Amy Dennis*

In battle, senior Brian Johnson tries to hold back S.E. Polk senior TJ Akes before he gets to the ball. "Instead of going for the ball, they went for the body. The second time we played them it wasn't as rough because the ref blew the whistle every ten seconds," said Johnson. *photo by Putney*

Up in the air, senior Matt Lunn stops the ball from entering his goal. Lunn has played goalie on club teams and for Johnston since he was eight. Lunn was inspired by goalie Tony Miola, who played for the National team and then moved on to play for Kansas. *photo by Matt Putney*



FROSHMORE

Failing to kick the ball before his Marshalltown opponent, freshman Billy Koch holds back his man. Koch had an on again, off again relationship with soccer. Koch started playing again this season for the first time since grade school. He played because he likes the laid back attitude on the team. *photo by Amy Dennis*



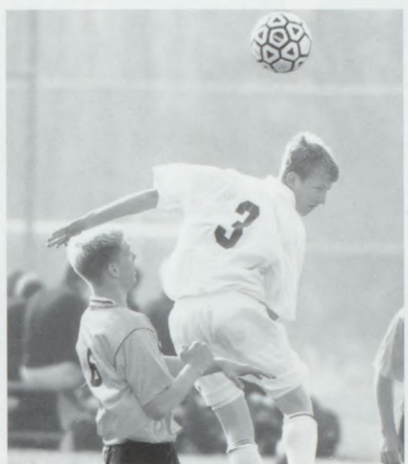
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While celebrating the second goal of the game, seniors Shane Wilson, Blake Siberz and Matt Walters run back down the field to defend their territory. The team was very tight on and off of the soccer field. "I love them (the team mates) like brothers. I would take a bullet in my pinky toe any day for them. We have a very loving atmosphere on the team," said Wilson. *photo by Amy Dennis*



Heading the ball, freshman Justin Steggerda steers the ball away from SEP player, junior Clayton Larmie. The guys played Urbandale, S.E. Polk and Indianola in the Johnston invite. The team arrived at the soccer fields at 8:00 am to warm up for their full day of soccer. The team beat S.E. Polk 3-1, and Indianola in a shut-out game 3-0. They lost to Urbandale 2-1 in a shoot-out. *photo by Matthew Putney*



[On trash day players collected couches and recliners and put them on the field]



JV



After the kick, sophomore Jason Sparland watches the ball travel away. Sometimes after practices the boys would play a game called "World Cup." In this game the winner was decided by who scored first. The losing team had to run or try to dodge the soccer balls that the winners kicked at them for punishment. *photo by A. Dennis*



JV

Arms extended, sophomore Kris Grimes looks to complete the pass. "My favorite game was Ames because we were both undefeated teams and we ended up beating them 1-0. The worst memory I have is the Dowling game when they scored on us. We hadn't been scored on the whole season until then," said Grimes. *photo by A. D.*



[This year we had a little more talent up front. We had people who could put the ball in the net, which really helped improve our overall record.]



[Coach Todd was good at keeping us positive, even though he has no apparent skills himself. All in all, he's a good coach and gets the job done.]

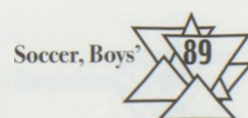
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Running to get ahead of her Marshalltown opponent, graduate Tarah Shultz focuses straight ahead. "My favorite part of the season was when we played Valley," said Shultz. "Ever since my freshman year we always lost to them. It was great to beat them." *photo by Amy Dennis*

Pushing herself forward, sophomore Courtney Frank attempts to stop the ball. Frank's goal was to finish with a winning record, which they accomplished. Frank's favorite part of the season was getting to know the upper classmen better. *photo by Amy Dennis*



STRIVING TO

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Varsity soccer team advances into the third round of regional semifinals

▼For the first time ever, the varsity soccer team advanced into the third round at subregionals. During the first round in the playoffs, the team competed against Indianola and won 2-0. ▼As the team advanced into the second round, they found themselves up against Valley (whom they lost 0-4 to in the regular season). The captain of the team, graduate Heather Clarkson, believed that this was the best game of the season. "Valley was ranked number one in the state, and no one thought we could beat them," said Clarkson. The Dragons were victorious over Valley, beating them 3-2. ▼After a week full of practices and games, the team had advanced into the third round against Roosevelt. "We were tired by the third round, because all of the games we had played that week. We were very happy to make it that far," said senior Kristen Foshe. The Dragons lost 2-4. ▼The team did not make it as far as they would have liked to at the regional semifinals, but overall, they were satisfied with how well they played together during the season. *spread by Ashley B. and Jenna S.*



JJV

Dribbling down the field, sophomore Tiffany Barz tries to keep the ball away from her opponent. Barz had made a goal to improve her dribbling skills while playing her position as a forward. Barz felt the team's best game was against Marshalltown, because they won and had fun at the same time. *photo by Amy Dennis*

The VARSITY view >>>>>>



Trying to keep the ball in her possession, sophomore Stephanie Cameron tries to stop her opponent from advancing. Cameron started out the season playing for JV and then moved up to varsity for the second half of the season. Cameron made several personal goals for herself. "I needed to improve on my footwork and dribbling skills," said Cameron. *photo by Amy Dennis*



Chasing the ball down the field, junior Janel Brown plays her position as center midfield. Brown's favorite games of the season were the games they played at semifinals. She liked the shoot-outs, because it was fun to congratulate all of her teammates. One of their weaker games was the last game that they played at state against Indianola. Brown said, "We gave up before it was over." *photo by A. Dennis*



[Varsity consisted of freshman through seniors, and also an eighth grader]



JV



Stealing the ball away from her East opponent, junior Alicia Mireles kicks the ball down the field with junior Sarah Porter following behind. "One problem we had was that we always tended to go into the game thinking we were going to lose," said Mireles. "It definitely affected how we played as a team." *photo by Amy Dennis*



Varsity

Trying to reach the ball before her Dallas Center-Grimes opponent, senior Lindsay Ruisch runs to the ball. The ball was kicked out of bounds by one of her opponents. Ruisch played as the team's forward for her main position. The final score was 1-0. *photo by Amy Dennis*



[The high point of the season for me was when we beat Valley in the regional semifinals. We were not rated as high as they were, but we still beat them.]



[Playing Valley at the regional semifinals was the highlight of the season. No one thought we could play them and win, but we ended up beating them.]

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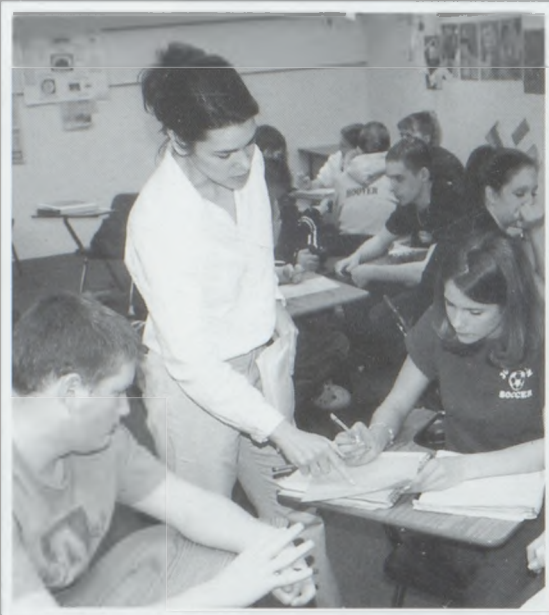
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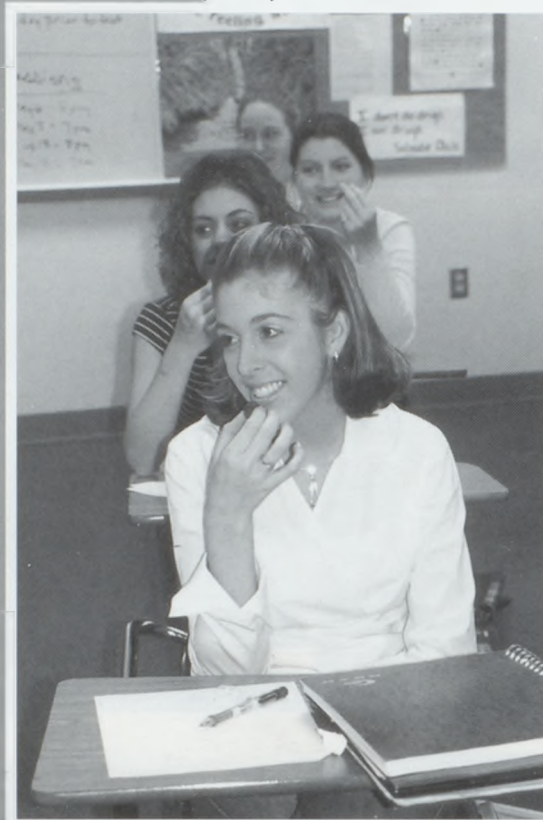
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Giving additional help to students in developing citizenship, teacher Mary VanHuelkulem helps freshmen Chelsie King and Adam Just. In *small* groups, the students wrote biographies for immigrants applying for citizenship. They presented the biographies to class. *photo by Holmgren*



Junior Jodi Deal holds her piece of candy in an activity to better understand the brain. Psychology students had to lick a piece of candy and listen to the word, cockroach repeatedly. "Every time you would hear the word you would salivate," said Deal. *photo by Tina VanEickels*



Social Studies

Classical Civ.

Social Problems

A.P. Psychology

"I really like the way Mrs. (Kelly) Coleman teaches and runs her room. She made learning about the Greeks and Romans interesting because you got to learn individually."

Justin Young '03

"Social Problems centered around issues in society and how people deal with them. During the survey project we polled people about issues in the school that they wanted changed."

Ann Beery '03

"A.P. Psychology goes in depth with examples of people that suffer from psychological disorders. We also study the different ways cultures react to these people."

Dan Knight '02



Switching roles, sophomore Sara Schnell and junior Seth Van Roekel cross-dress at Merle Hay Mall. Schnell and Van Roekel choose to cross-dress for their sociology norm violation project. Students were asked to think of a common society norm then perform the opposite and write down the different reactions they received from the public. *photo by Emma Stone*

A mosaic of classes

New to the district, Jason Kirkpatrick, begins his career teaching several courses

Teaching a variety of classes posed challenges, but also gave Kirkpatrick an opportunity to learn. He taught P.E., civics and economics. "Moving from the classroom to the gym during the day taught me to become more organized, but didn't let me spend time between classes talking with students," said Kirkpatrick.

Kirkpatrick choose to teach economics, but had no prior experience which created another obstacle. "I learned from constantly reevaluating the curriculum, and talking to other teachers," he said.

Junior Adam Bergman had Kirkpatrick for both economics and P.E. Bergman said, "He changed both his clothes and his style of teaching between the classroom and the gym." *spread by Emma Stone*

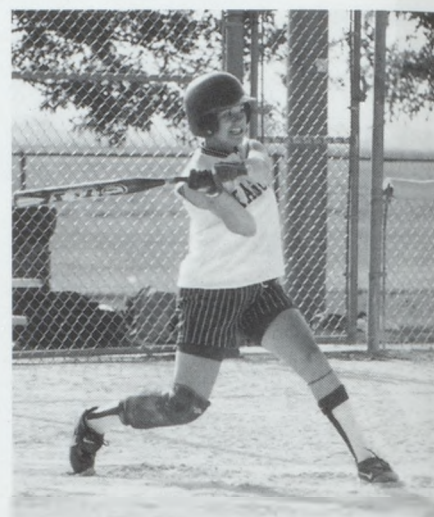


With crayon in hand, senior Katie Larson enjoys creating pictures with her buddy at Grace Church. Big Buddies was a program that gave students a chance to mentor a Des Moines child. Government students were required to complete 30 hours of community service. *photo by Beth Bond*



Following through, junior Katie Reichling pitches the ball during a game. Reichling averaged 5.86 strikeouts per game and pitched a total of 257 innings. "I think the season went well," said Reichling. "We weren't rated but we beat a lot of rated teams." *photo by Matthew Putney*

Hoping to get a hit that will advance a runner, sophomore Ashley Kilby swings at the ball. Kilby played a total of 345 innings as the catcher. She had 47 hits and scored 23 runs. She never hit a homerun, but had 37 singles, nine doubles and one triple. *photo by Matthew Putney*



UNDERCLASSMEN

<STEP UP>

Three eighth graders take spots on jv and varsity to help out the teams

▼Drafting a new lineup and rearranging players were the first challenges coach Gary Snyder was faced with after senior Sara Bjornson broke her wrist at the beginning of the season. "When Sara broke her wrist, I was completely crushed. I didn't know how I was going to replace her. Her leadership was something the team needed," said Snyder. ▼Snyder's first idea was to bring freshmen up, but they declined the invitation, so he recruited eighth graders to play instead. Sara Embry, Bekah Gibbs and Mindy Schoop were the three girls with the skills to play at this level. ▼"A strength is that we have younger kids who are able to come up and meet the challenges of the varsity level," said assistant coach Deb Nicholson. Embry played second base for the jv team, Gibbs played shortstop for jv and Schoop was one of the pitchers for the varsity team. "We didn't have the win/loss record to show that we were successful, but we accomplished wins over some good teams," said graduate Valerie Lewis. The entire team adjusted to the new players and injuries and played a decent season. *spread by Stephanie Cameron and Nicole King*



FRESHMEN

Watching the ball come across the plate, sophomore Steffanie Smith waits for a pitch to swing at. Smith played third base for the freshmen team. Her favorite game was against Indianola. They were behind the whole game and in the end they rallied to win in the ninth. *photo by Aaron Holmgren*



The VARSITY view >>>>>>



Warming up between innings, senior Bekah Morris throws the ball back to the pitcher. Morris was the first baseman and she also pitched three games this season. "One of the things I like about playing varsity is all the people you meet," said Morris. "You become friends not only with people from Johnston, but also people from other CIML schools." *photo by Nicole King*



Sliding into third base during a game against Newton, senior Lindsay Sleep looks to see what the ball will be. Sleep was named to the all-tournament team at the Winter at Invitational. The team placed second at the tournament. "I think the best part of varsity is the competition," said Sleep. "At the varsity level everyone is good and every game counts." *photo by Nicole King*

[The team had 23 wins and 29 losses, but beat every team in their conference]

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JV



Rounding home plate, senior Marissa Stetson takes off her lucky helmet and looks to see what is happening on the field. Stetson was the number nine varsity batter. "I got my lucky helmet one of the first games. I hit a triple with it and I've used it every game since," Stetson said. *photo by Nicole King*



JV

Finishing her pitch, senior Kat Kellogg follows through. Kellogg played jv year round. This was her final year on the softball team because she choose to graduate a year early. "Some of my best memories from high school definitely happened out on the field," said Kellogg. *photo by Matthew Putney*



[I really liked how everyone brought me up and took me in on the team, even though I was an eighth grader. All the girls on the team were very inviting.]



[I think the team was very helpful with the under classmen. We tried to make them feel like part of the team. I think we got along very well.]

Mindy Schoop '05

Mary Kuster '02



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"I didn't know how big of a role we (the freshmen) would play. We were included in all decisions. I didn't expect to do as much as we did."



Alex Hammer '05

"Homecoming is the type of thing that is so hectic before hand and once its over, you're proud and happy because you spent so much time and work on it."



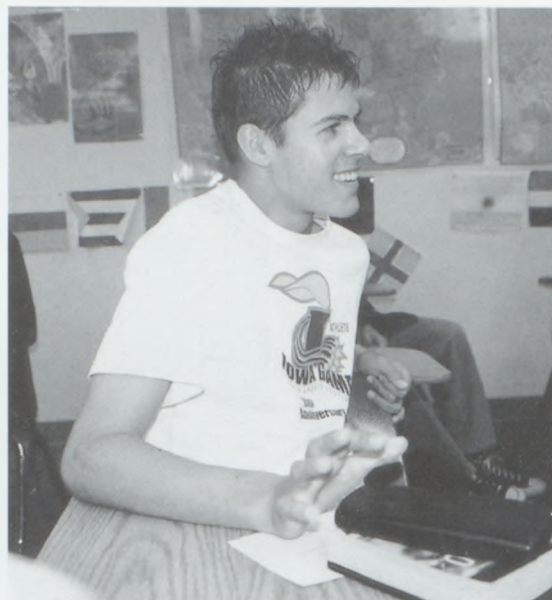
Corey Goerd, '04

"The time I spent (on student council) was definitely worthwhile. If nothing else you meet new people. You're in the school trying to improve things."



Mary Kuster, '02

A grinning David Muecke, junior, reaches for his belongings during a student council meeting. Muecke, his class's vice-president, organized a book drive that collected approximately 1,000 books. "The books collected went to an urban youth shelter (Creative Visions) that was starting a library," said Muecke. "That in itself is going to help more kids read." *photo by Aaron Holmgren*



Eyes up, instructor Dan Scannell worms his way across the gym floor. Scannell competed in a relay race in front of the student body during a pep assembly. The student council organized the race as well as the spring pep assembly. The spring assembly differed from others in that it recognized academic accomplishments as well as athletic. *photo by Mathew Putney*



The camera giving her the shakes, junior Christy Ellis tentatively begins her campaign speech. Ellis and Holly Ross, both juniors, were the two candidates running for the position of student body president for the 2002-2003 school year. Both mentioned their previous experience on the council, and both pledged to continue president Mary Winzenburg's programs. *photo by Cyrus Andrews*



Student Council

[Winzenburg Follows Through

**Student body president
Mary Winzenburg makes
good on campaign promises**

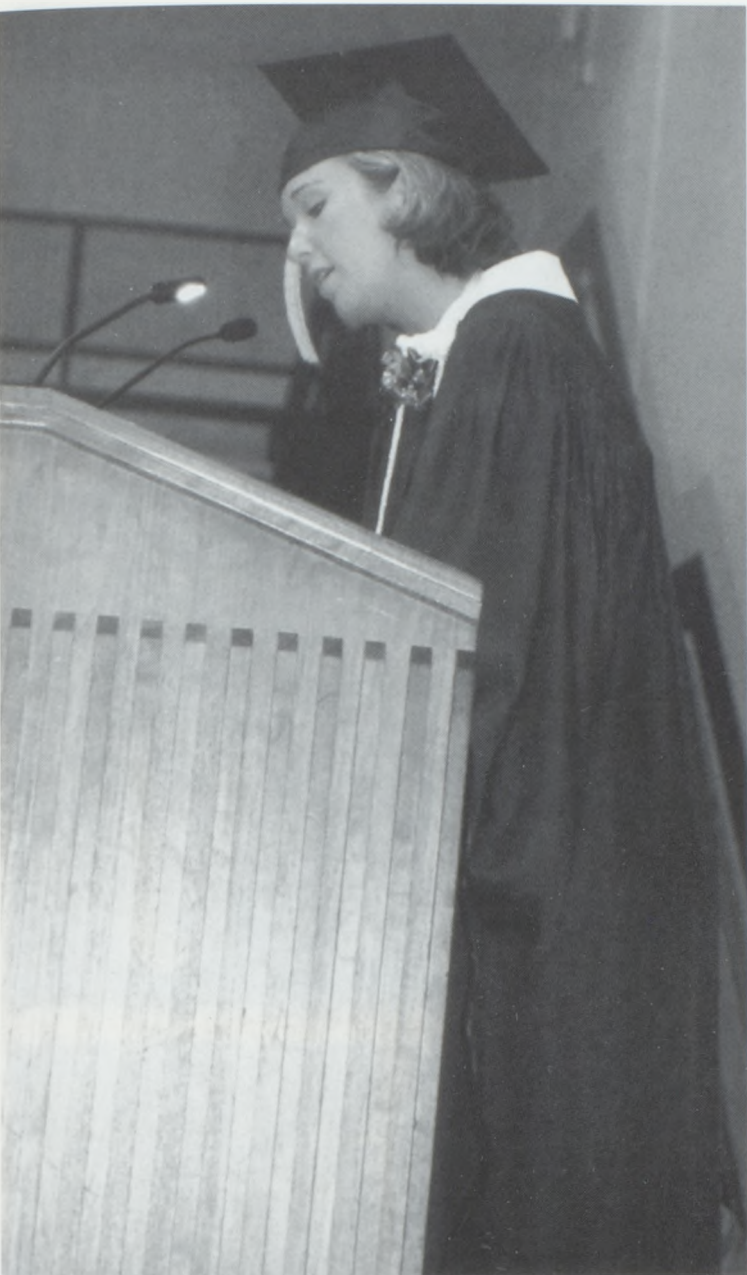
Running for the position of student body president, senior Mary Winzenburg made two promises. If elected, she said she would work to create a radio station and an academic wall of fame.

Winzenburg won the election and did just what she said she would. She consolidated airtime on Central Campus's radio station, enabling students to hear play-by-play commentary on several away basketball games. The Wall of Fame panned out as well, honoring, as Winzenburg said, "students that have made tremendous efforts in both academics and athletics."

Of Winzenburg's presidency, advisor Mary VanHeulklom said, "This year, Mary went beyond, with all the initiative that she took, and the willingness she had to follow through with campaign promises."

Looking back on the year, Winzenburg said, "I really enjoyed putting the Wall of Fame together and going through all the steps. And the radio station was so much fun. It didn't seem like work, it was fun." *spread by Cyrus Andrews*

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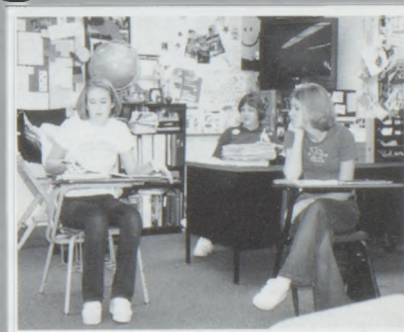
Clad in hat and gown, student body president senior Mary Winzenburg explains the academic Wall of Fame. Winzenburg said the wall would be located in the foyer to the east of the big gym, and that an athletic wall of fame was in the works. She then passed the title of president on to junior Christy Ellis. *photo by Cyrus Andrews*

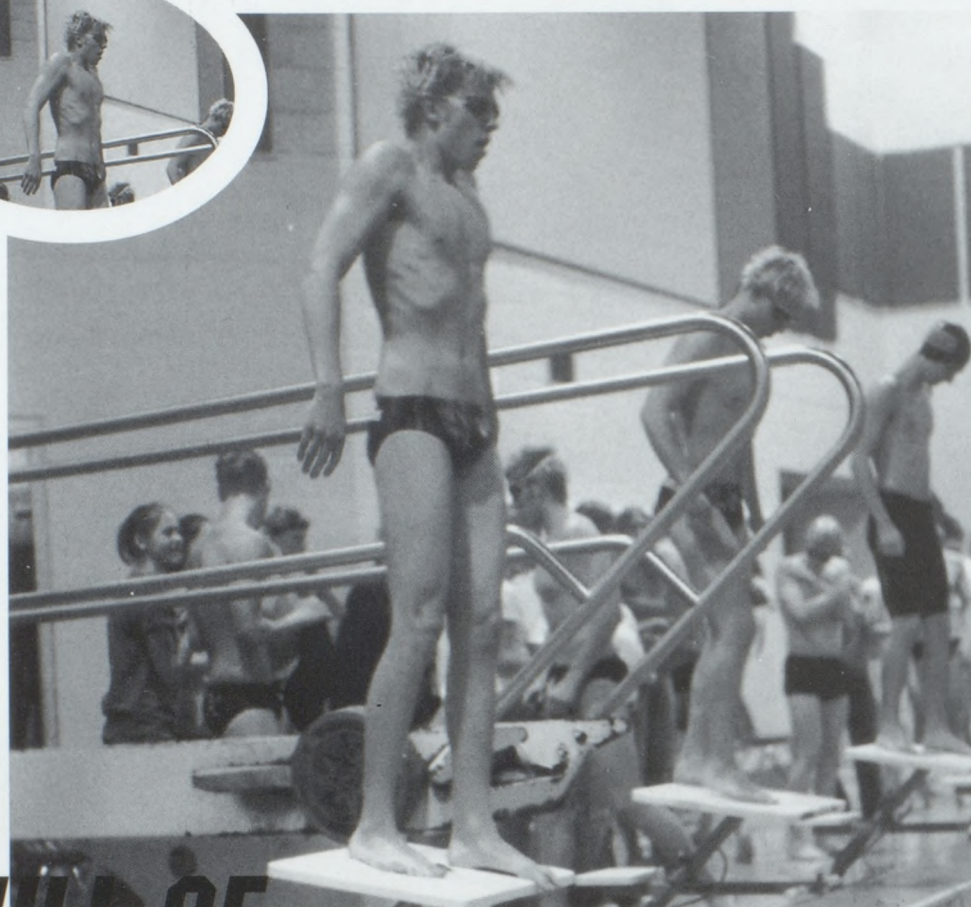
Careful not to make a mistake, sophomore Laura Mulholland counts votes during a 7:30 a.m. meeting of the student council. One of the students' tasks during May was to determine which candidates received the most votes in the spring elections. Those votes then in turn determined which nominee would fill each position. *photo by Cyrus Andrews*



[Sheesley's View]

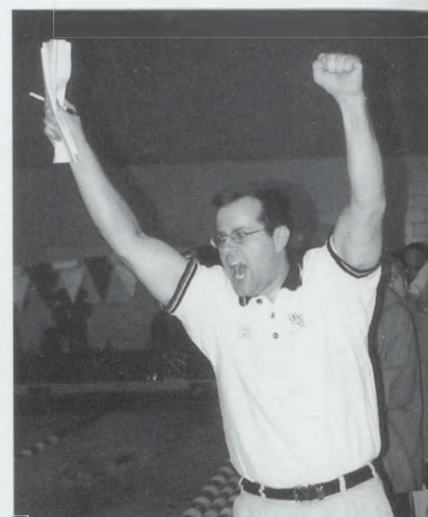
"We were discussing what they (the student council) wanted on the menu. We were listening to several suggestions that some students had about the lunch program." *photo by Aaron Holmgren*





Standing on the board before diving into the water, senior Tyler Wiesz takes a deep breath. Wiesz was the team captain, and had been swimming for three years. As the captain, he had to keep people in line and lead warm ups. His main events were the 50 free and the 100 free. *photo by C. A.*

Coach Dan Lake yells at the team to swim faster. Lake said this year was a lot more disciplined and the boys quickly adapted to his style. He set high expectations for the team, and had the team members set goals that they knew they could make. *photo by Julia Serbus*



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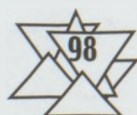
The boys' swimming season had several twists including the results at state

▼The first surprise of several, was that the team got a new coach, Dan Lake. The ten swimmers agreed that Lake changed the team. "Lake had a big impact on the team and we responded to him very well," said freshman Brandon Swett. ▼Doing well in all of their meets was the next shock of the season. The team did not expect to do well, but they ended up making time drops in all of their meets but two. Junior Phil Wong said that due to the surprises, this was a transition year and they did not expect to get the results they did. ▼The team was also startled about state. Four Johnston boys: Wong, senior Tyler Wiesz, senior Jon Ellis, freshman David Hughes, and two Urbandale swimmers, juniors Devon Neal and Kyle Weaver went to state. Wong rose from 14th to 11th place in the 100 backstroke. At the end of state, the team was tied for 23rd place in the state. ▼"I am really pleased with the team this season. We had a successful weekend at state and improved a lot during this season," said Lake. The team accomplished all the goals that they set out to achieve attested Lake. *spread by Audrey Stone*



JV

As he takes a breather, freshman David Hughes waits for his heart rate to slow down. Hughes swam the medley relay, the 100 breaststroke and the 100 butterfly. Hughes said that the best thing about the season was the coach's reactions to the dumb things they had done and having fun practices. *photo by Audrey Stone*



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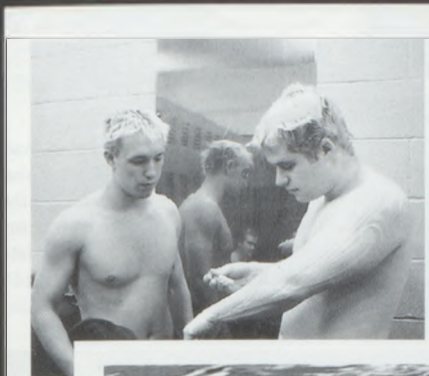
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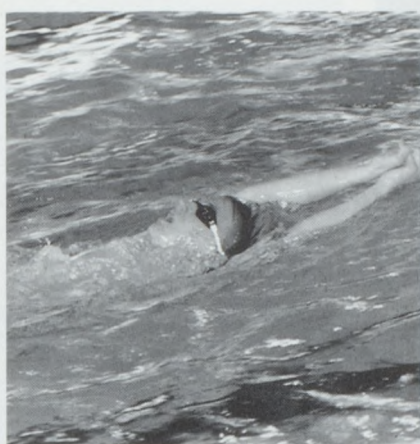
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As he shaves his arm before districts, senior Jon Ellis makes his body hairless while Urbandale junior Dexon Neal looks on. "The shaving process is more for mental reasons than for physical reasons. It makes us feel faster," Ellis explained. The team shaved so they felt smooth in the water. It only helped to decrease their times by less than a second. *photo by Audrey Stone*

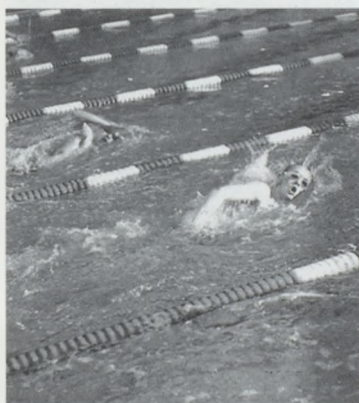


[New swimmer, junior Phil Wong, scored the only two points for the team at state]

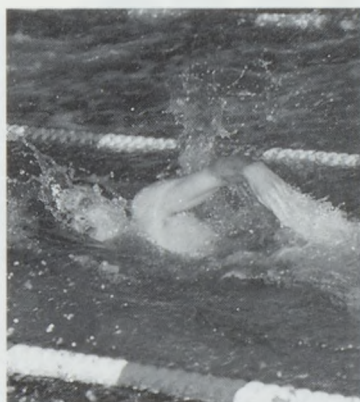


Tim Sanders, a freshman, practices his backstroke. The 100 butterfly and the 200 individual medley were his main events. Sanders believed that the reason the team did so well was because of their new coach, Dan Lake. He also said the team had more confidence in themselves. And they had great leadership from both the coach and senior captain, Tyler Wiesz. *photo by Audrey Stone*

JV



Before the end of the race, freshman Tyler Swett skims across the top of the water while he inhales air. "We had only two meets without fifty percent time drops in every event we swam in. This was excellent for any year," said Swett. "We also had a lot more people make it to state this year." *photo by Audrey Stone*



VARSITY

Coming up for air, sophomore Kyle Mandsager finishes his race. Mandsager enjoyed swimming because they were able to start again with a clean slate and fresh reputation. He said that this was because of their new coach. Mandsager described this start as interesting and different. *photo by Cyrus Andrews*



[We had a lot of improvements in time from the younger kids (freshmen and sophomores) and that helped our overall team score a lot.]



[This year was full of transitions, and we had a lot of new people that were good additions. We were very competitive and had a lot of fun.]

Hanigan '04

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Sports





Racing in her event, junior Ashley Symonds swims the freestyle. Many things go through a swimmer's mind when they enter the pool for a race. Symonds said she thought about turns, walls and starts. A lot of her actions in the water were a blur when she swam. *photo by Julia Serbus*

Talking with coach Dan Lake, freshman Emily Fey discusses the event she just participated in. Fey swam the 100 fly, 100 backstroke and the 50 fly in the medley throughout the season. As a first year member of the swim team, Fey was chosen as an alternate for state. *photo by Serbus*



IMPROVING

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With a new coach changing practice structure, girls make improvements

▼After assistant coaching at Valley for six years, new coach Dan Lake finally got his chance to be the head coach of the girls' swim team and lead seven girls onto the state swim meet. Lake said, "It was a big change on team size. Valley had 80-90 girls and this team had 19." According to junior Erin Danielson, having a smaller team was beneficial because the coach got to work more one-on-one with the girls and knew them at a more personal level. ▼With differently structured practices and workouts Lake saw the girls working harder which created a positive effect on how they finished the season. Because of this they placed fourth at conference, third at districts and 21st at state. Of the seven swimmers from Johnston, three went on to state. They participated in the 200 medley, 50 free, 200 free relay, 100 breast and 400 free relay. ▼Five out of the six individuals that went to state hadn't made it before. "We changed from being in the stands (at state) to competing against the best, so there were a lot of nerves," said Lake, "but the girls met and exceeded all of my expectations." *spread by Grace Schoper and Julia Serbus*



Practicing with their kickboards, sophomore Allie Mackey, junior Ashley Symonds and sophomore Rachel Hoskch build their leg muscles. "I think practices are very important because they build our endurance and strengthen our muscles. We get to know each other; it's easier to be a team then," said Mackey. *photo by Schoper*



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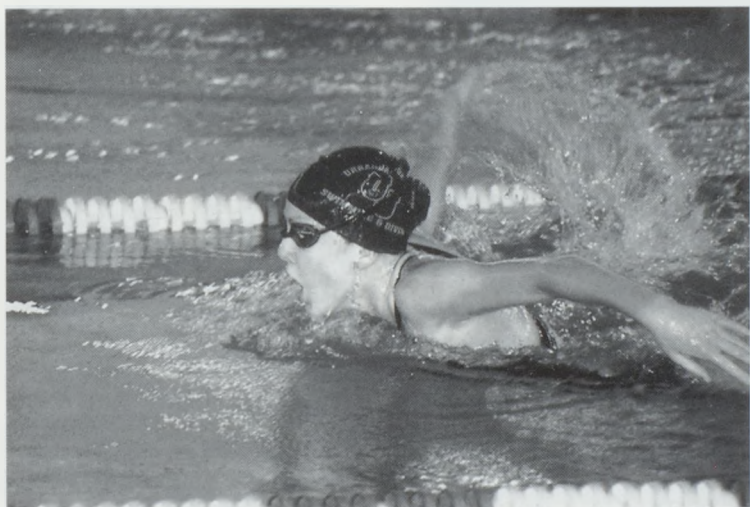
Competing in the Ankeny Invite, junior Liz Wong swims while teammates freshman Emily Fey, sophomore Gwen Meyer of Waukee, sophomore Allie Mackey and sophomore Mallory Howard of Urbandale cheer her on. Wong's favorite stroke was the breast stroke. She said, "(The breast stroke) has a strong pull and it's not as strenuous. The free takes a lot more energy." *photo by Julia Serbus*



Doing stroke work, junior Erin Danielson works during a practice. Danielson went to state and competed in the 200 medley relay, 50 free, 200 free relay and the 400 free relay. This was Danielson's second year as a member of the swim team and also the second year she made it to state. Sophomores Rachel Hoskch and Liz Wong were the other Johnston swimmers to make it to state. *photo by Grace Schoper*

[Waukee, Johnston and Urbandale were the three schools that made up the swim team]

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With arms extended, the only senior on the team, Chelsey Lehman, swims the butterfly at an Ankeny meet. This was Lehman's first year swimming the fly. She said, "I'm proud of doing the fly this season; just the fact that I did it." Lehman swam the backstroke in previous years. *photo by Julia Serbus*



[I love the new coach, and I really like his new workout styles because we do stretches. He also got to know each person on the team individually.]

Rachel Hoskch '04



[Towards the end of the season a Waukee swimmer had this Elmo doll and we'd kiss it before we swam because Elmo would make us go faster.]

Chelsey Lehman '02

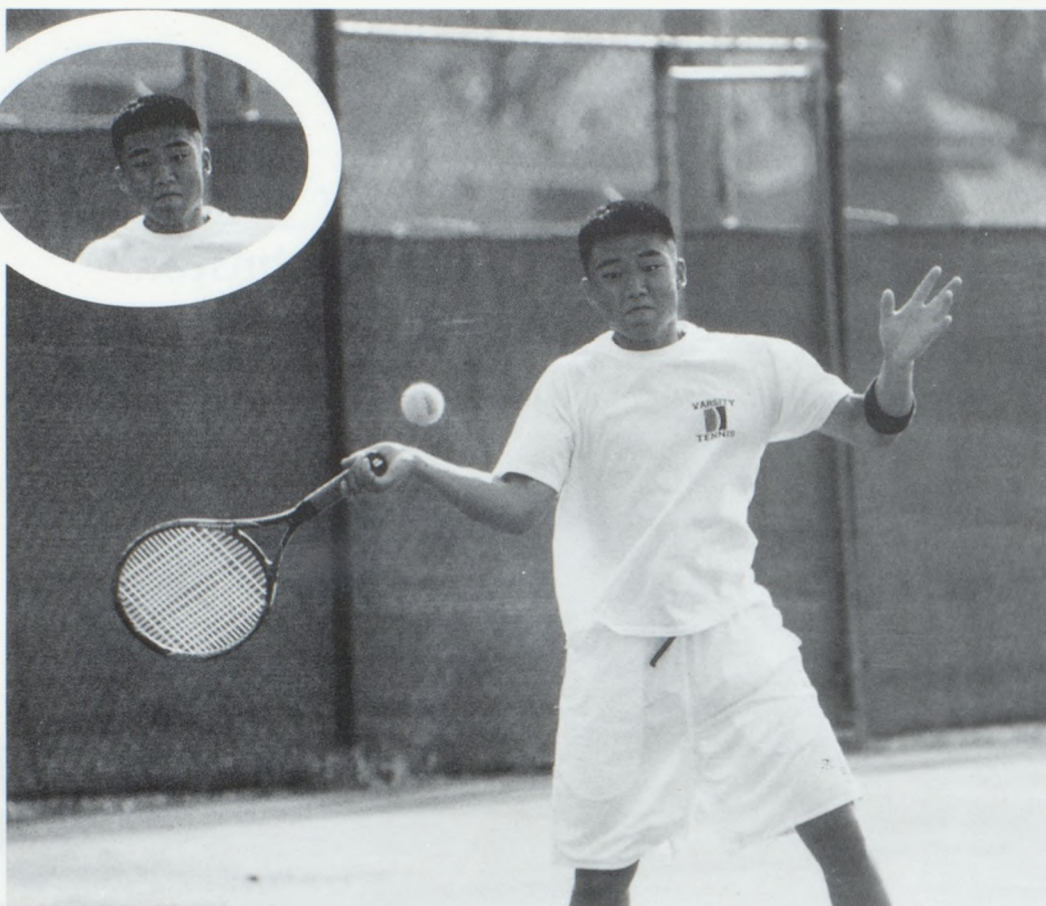
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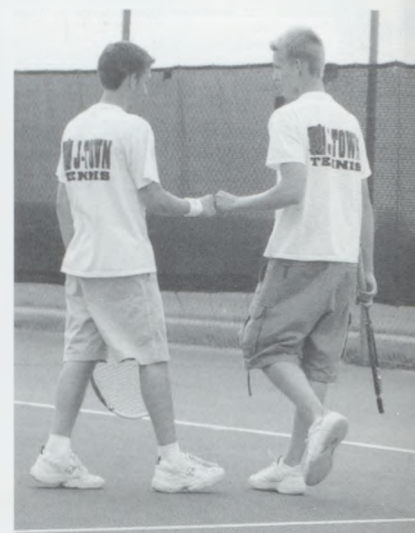
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Senior Kris Walters swings his racket backwards, while in preparation to hit a forehand shot. He was playing in a singles match against Hoover, which he won 6-4, 6-0. Walters played both singles and doubles on varsity. *photo by Matthew Putney*

Slamming fists in victory, sophomores Jim Heldt and Ian Tayner congratulate each other on a score. They were varsity doubles partners. Tayner said, "I thought we made a good doubles team because we cooperated well together and had a lot of fun." *photo by Matthew Putney*

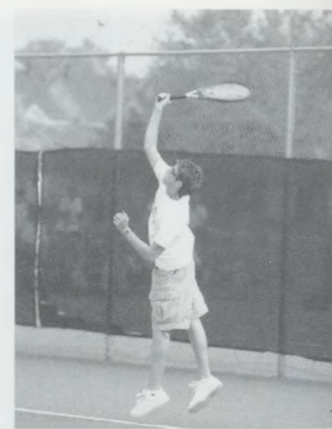


SUB-STATE

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Varsity makes school history by placing in the top three at districts

▼Varsity felt that they really made their mark when they placed second at districts and created school history. Along with the team's accomplishments, one doubles team also placed. Ramsey Midkiff and John Sparland were the first ever doubles team to make it to state. Sparland said, "I thought we had a good chance to make it, but I didn't think it would ever happen." ▼There are three levels that the team must advance through to make it to the state tournament. First, the team needed to place in the top three at district. Then they needed to win in a preliminary sub-state match, which they did against Lewis Central, 9-0. This advanced the team on to sub-state. There they lost against Ames 1-8. Their season ended after the loss of that match. ▼Not only did they place at districts, but they also managed to get the best team record in the history of the boys' tennis team. Senior Zac Nelsen said, "I was shocked that we got top three in districts and we had the best school record. I'm glad I got to be a part of it all." They ended the season with a 9-3 record. *spread by Stacy Olsasky and Sheena Wendel*



JV

With his feet off the ground and his racket flying high in the air, junior Marc Cabrera springs upward. He attempted to hit a lob during his match against his Dowling opponent. Cabrera played jv doubles with junior Josh Hansen. They won 8-0. *photo by Matthew Putney*

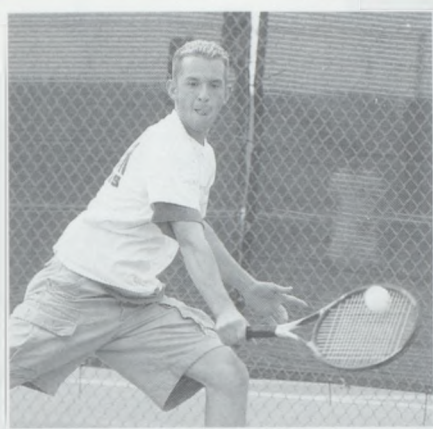
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Midway through his swing, senior Jon Doudna gets ready to hit the ball. Doudna thought the season was successful because the team reached a lot of their goals. Doudna said, "It's rewarding to make history in boys' tennis. There have been a lot of good players in the past." Doudna felt the best part of the season was when they beat Urbandale for the first time at the Johnston Invite. *photo by Matt Putney*

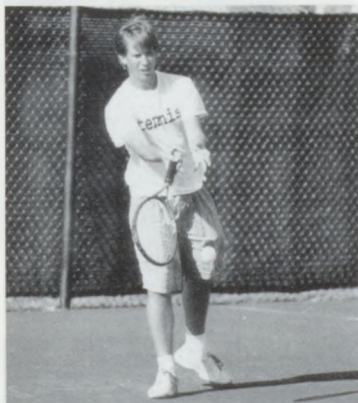


[Senior Chris Verlengia invented the team's favorite ritual saying, which was, "Take the bait."]

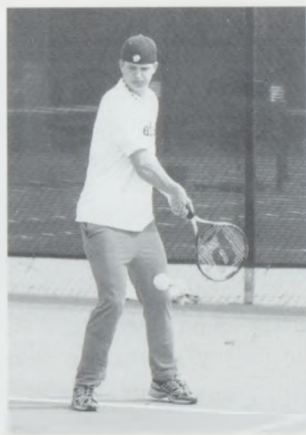


Receiving the ball, senior Ramsey Midkiff leans into his backhand shot. Midkiff thought people underestimated the street style of Johnston. He said, "The best part of the season was becoming more of a united team and working together to make it to state." He played tennis because he thought that it was fun, and he had been playing for a long time. *photo by Matthew Putney*

VARSITY



As he focuses on the match ahead of him, senior Ryan Midtlyng warms up in preparation to play. He said, "I warm up by thinking about my shots and what's going to work for me that day." He thought the highlight of the season was when he and his doubles partner, Chris Verlengia, beat Dowling. *photo by Matthew Putney*



JV

With his racket pointing downward, sophomore Neil Parenza smacks a backhand shot. He and his jv doubles partner, junior A.J. Kohles, played Dowling. They rallied the ball across the court, until they ended the game. The boys lost their match 4-8. *photo provided by Matthew Putney*



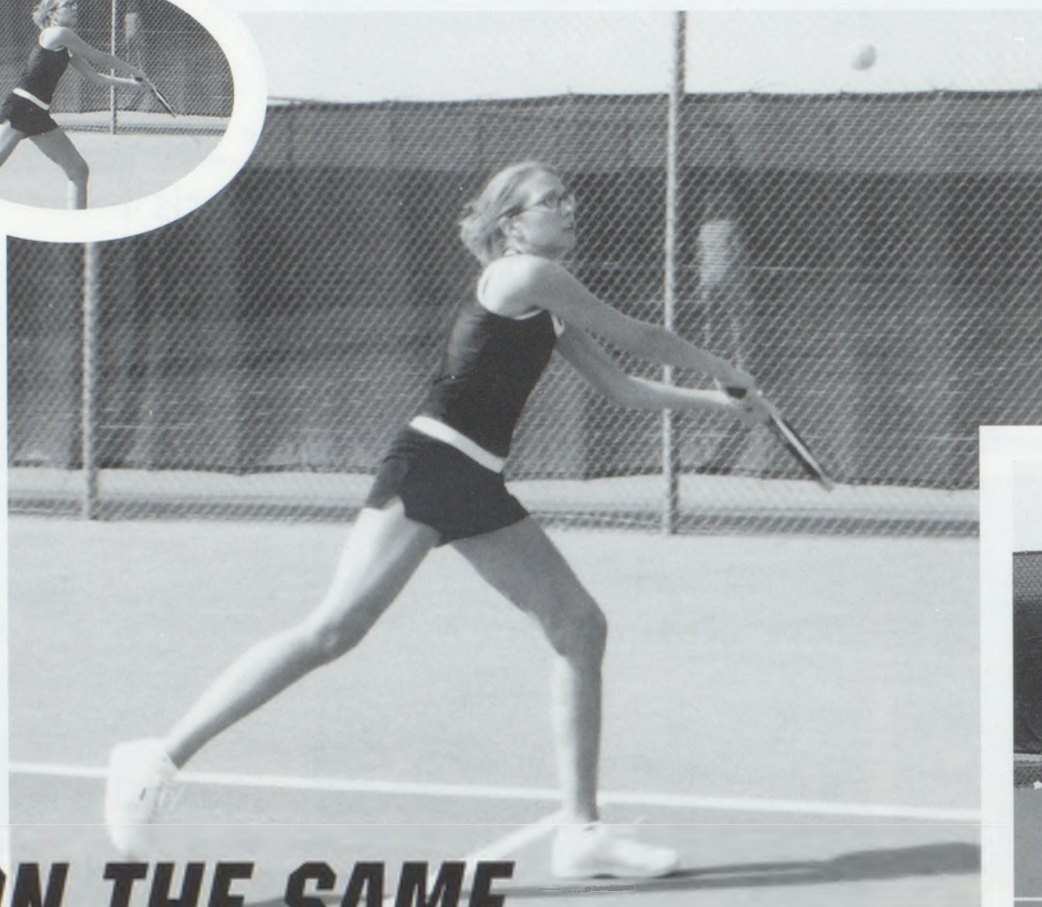
[It was fun to travel to the other schools to play. I thought that tennis was a good experience and a lot of fun, because we got to play the other teams.]



[I liked the fact that I could watch varsity players at the games and learn from their mistakes. I also liked how the the season didn't seem too long or too short.]

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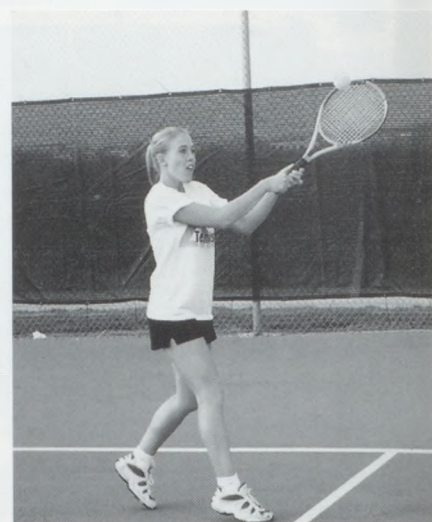
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Deepness is shown throughout the team

▼There were four girls that were all very skilled allowing the team to be carried by more than one person. All of the girls high on the ladder felt that having several talented players, high in rank, was a good quality that the team possessed. "I definitely think it's better to have four top players versus one top player, because our team is deeper and we win more," said senior Anjana Rao, number two varsity player. "To win a meet it's not individual; it's a team thing. With four players, if we all win, we contribute a lot to the team's score." ▼Having the same level of skills throughout the top positions made the girls strive to do their best in coach Dennis Kain's opinion. He said, "I think it (having many girls with same abilities) made everyone work a little bit harder." ▼With the new situation concerning the ability levels, the leadership roles altered also. Junior Ande Skinner said, "I think our leadership was increased. I think the top four players inspired the rest of us (team) and kept us going." ▼All in all, the change in leadership, drive and the top players' skills proved to benefit the program. *spread by Julia Serbus and Marissa Stetson*

Junior Lora Knapp lunges for the ball during a home meet. Knapp normally played number four singles. Knapp said, "As a team we have gotten a lot closer. We all enjoy each other more. Because of this I enjoy meets a lot better this year than last year." *photo by Julia Serbus*

Receiving the ball, senior Emma Stone competes in doubles. "Tara (Ely) and I take lessons together and we have for five or six months," said Stone. "We are starting to be able to read and cover each other. That is to our advantage over the other girls." *photo by Julia Serbus*



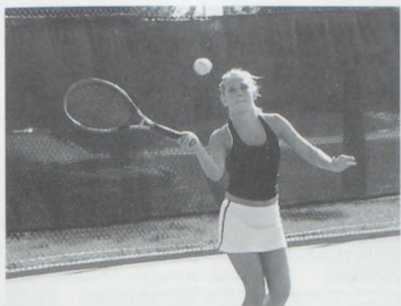
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Senior Jenny Luse ties down the wind breakers. Luse said, "The wind had unattached the bottoms of the wind nets. It was really windy and we had a tennis meet that day. We all pitched in to get them tied down." Luse and partner, sophomore Sarah Schnell, played a mostly jv doubles. *photo by Michelle Mefford*



Tennis, Girls'

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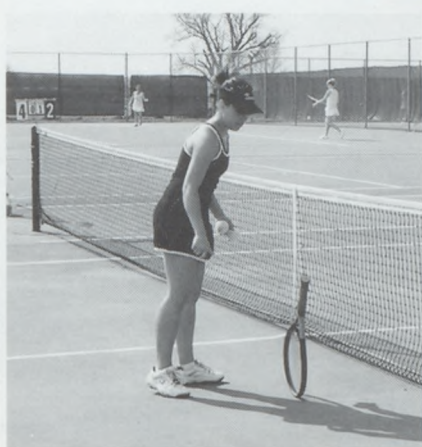


In the middle of a forehand, senior Jackie Swanepoel watches the ball. Swanepoel said, "My strongest tennis skill is my backhand. This is most girls' trouble spot. My weakest skill is playing the net because I am scared of the ball." Swanepoel has been hitting the ball since she was four, learned how to hit it over the net at six and started playing tennis competitively in fifth grade. *photo by Julia Serbus*



[The turn out of team members was higher than usual with a total of 47 girls]

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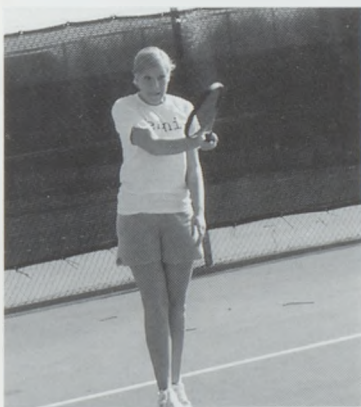


Senior Rina Strenge flips her racket to see who starts the match in her number one varsity singles spot. "Anjolina and I have played together for a long time. We are way more competitive when we play doubles. We have the 'go get em' mentality," said Strenge. "We are not timid like we are in singles. We are way more aggressive and stable with each other and know how each other hit." *photo by Julia Serbus*

JV



Getting herself ready at the net for the return, junior Cyndi Roth waits for her teammate to serve the ball. In the background is Roth's doubles partner, sophomore Jenna Woody. The girls were playing jv in their home meet against Southeast Polk on May 10th. *photo by Marissa Stetson*



JV

Making contact, junior Sarah Carlson competes in doubles during a home meet. "This year was different because I practiced with varsity," said Carlson, "so it was a lot more challenging for me. I got pushed a lot harder because I was with people that were better than I was." *photo by Julia Serbus*



[I've always wanted to try tennis, and so I did in high school. I think I've gotten a better feel for tennis. I've found a sport that I will play all my high school career.]

Megan
O'Toole '05



[My favorite part of tennis is it can be a single person sport and a team sport. It's something you can do your whole life, too. You still see old men playing.]

Ashley
Weaver '04



Tearing down the track with a look of determination, junior Jon Evans accepts the handoff from junior Ben Bjorholm. Evans and three other runners qualified their 4x800 meter relay team for state, with a top time of 8:21 during the regular season. *photo by Aaron Holmgren*

An intense grimace plastered on his face, freshman Arash Mirian sends the 12 lb. shot put sailing through the air. Mirian threw discus at first, but sprained his ankle while throwing. He switched to shot put, where his arm strength played a larger role than ankle strength. *photo by A. Holmgren*



PICKING UP THE

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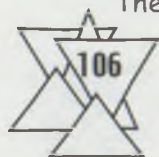
With only five seniors on the team, the junior class leads the way to state

▼Lack of leadership, injuries to top athletes and absence of team spirit. All are problems that plague high school athletics throughout the ages. When these troubles rear their ugly heads, and no senior steps up to grab hold of the reigns, who did the team turn to? The junior class, of course. ▼"Pretty much every school has a low number of seniors," said coach Dan Petrak, "but we had an exceptionally low number (five) this year. The fewer number of experienced, mature kids you have, the more it hurts the team." ▼Adding to the troubles, junior Jordan Huewe was sidelined by a hamstring pull early in the season. "He's the fastest on the team," said junior Pat Ryerson, who also pulled a hamstring. "Me and Jordan were hamstring buddies." ▼Like the phoenix rising from the ashes, the class of 2003 rejuvenated the team by performing at a state-qualifying level on multiple fronts. Juniors Peter Christakos, Jason Ward and Stewart Nelson each qualified for state in their respective, individual events: Christakos for the 3200 meter run, Ward for high jump and Nelson for discus. ▼"The juniors picked up a lot of the slack, as far as some of our state qualifiers," said Petrak. "They were essentially seniors, as far as track experience goes." *spread by Holmgren*



JV

Griming, junior Ryan Bole experiences the exhilarating thrill of competing in the 200 meter dash. Bole's specialties were the 100 and 200 meter dashes. The team's sprinting events were governed by coach Garry Auxier. *photo Matthew Putney*



Boys' Track

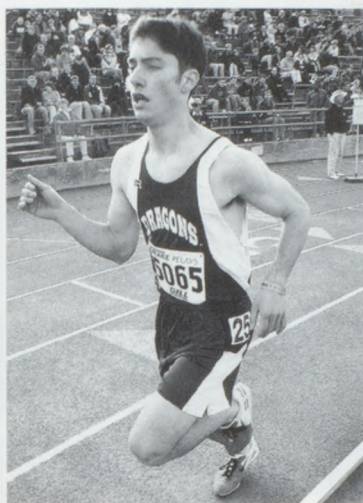
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To avoid jostling the high jump pole, junior Jason Ward arches his back. Coach George Sypniewski requested that, in addition to high jump, Ward run the 400 and 800 meter legs on relay teams. Ward's generosity paid off, double booking him at state, with a 4x800 team to run on. "We weren't that great, so I didn't expect to go to state at all," said Ward. *photo by Aaron Holmgren*



Strutting his stuff, junior Peter Christakos competes in the 3200 meter run at the Drake Relays. This was Christakos first year in the Drake Relays. He placed 15th out of 24. "The drummers in the background created a mantra for me to perform in synch with," said Christakos. As for the who finished behind him, Christakos had one question, "How does my dust taste?" *photo by Matthew Putney*

[Senior Justin Birru was the only senior to go to state, running on the 4x800 meter relay team]



JV



Freshman Jake Hukee spins as he transfers his own momentum into the task at hand, the discus. "Everybody spins," said Hukee. "It took a few days to learn a modified spin. Learning a full spin could take a whole season." Modified spins are for novice throwers, while full spins are used by more skilled throwers. *photo by Matthew Putney*



VARSITY

Junior Stewart Nelson lets loose a discus throw of record-breaking proportions. His own record. For the second year in a row, Nelson set the conference record, throwing 172.5 feet, missing the school record by about five feet. *photo by Aaron Holmgren*



[I often find myself as an outsider due to my incredible athletic abilities. I'm as fast as a bullet, but on rare occasions, I'm as fast as a speeding bullet.]

Jordan

Huwee '03



[I'm not against guys going out for track just to stay in shape for football, if they still contribute to the team. If they don't, they should rethink why they're on it.]

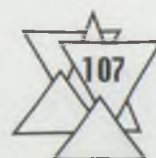
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Sports





Putting the pressure on her West Marshall opponent, freshmen Ali Keenan zips past her in the 3000 meter race. Keenan also ran the 1500 and the 800. "I like running long distance because of all the fun people who run with me," said Keenan. *photo by Aaron Holmgren*

Her Nevada opponent is left behind as junior Holly Ross blazes past, seizing the lead. Ross said, "A lot of girls did well as individuals this season, but I don't think we did as well as a team." At this Johnston meet, the team was not able to place. *photo by Cyrus Andrews.*



OUT WITH THE <OLD>

An inexperienced team just misses the Drake Relays and sends two to state

▼ As the season opened the team found themselves with a severe shortage of seniors. According to coach Craig Oldham, there are usually around eight seniors, while this year there were only three. ▼ "With only three seniors on the team, there weren't very many people who would step up and be leaders," said junior Julie Crow. Without leaders, the team didn't function as well. ▼ Aside from a leadership deficit, other changes had to be made. To make matters worse, former state champion senior Lindsay Ruisch did not return, opting instead to go out for soccer. ▼ "We were set back when Ruisch didn't come back. Because her place on the relay had to be filled, the relay team had to learn to run with a new person instead of starting from where they were last year," said sophomore Katie Hlavka. ▼ Besides these specific difficulties, many found that simply having a team of youngsters was undesirable. "As you get older, you get faster, so with a young team most haven't had time to practice and improve themselves," said sophomore Steph Cameron. ▼ The season was not without triumphs. The team was able to place first at Waukee and send two runners to state. *spread by D. Seibert*

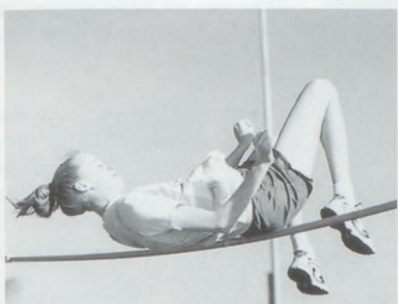


FRESHMEN

Sprinting as fast as she can, freshman Megan Ware shows the distance medley what she's made of. "I really like sprinting, and that's why I like the distance medley," said Ware. Along with the distance medley, Ware ran the 4x100 and 4x200. *photo by David Seibert*



The VARSITY view >>>>>>



The bar is raised as freshman Amanda Rhoads takes flight over the high jump bar at the Johnston Invitational meet. Until this year, Rhoads had never competed in the high jump, and she found it to be a great challenge. "It's pretty hard to learn to compete in a completely new event. It was a lot of work and I had to practice a lot," said Rhoads. *photo by Aaron Holmgren*



[Two runners went on to state, sophomore Amanda Hyde and senior Lindsey Way]



Hastily hopping hurdles, sophomore Charli Richter allows nothing to get in her way to the finish. "Hurdles is a hard event. The worst is when you knock them over or fall," said Richter. "There are ten hurdles, and one time I knocked one down and fell three times in the race. Even then I couldn't stop, I had to just get up, keep going and try to not let it slow me down." *photo by Matthew Putney*



FRESHMEN



The torch is carried on as freshman Hannah Miller rushes the baton to her teammate. This was Miller's first year on the relay team, running the 4x800 and 4x1600 distance medley. "I like the relay because it's more of a team sport than individual," said Miller. *photo by Dave S.*



VARSITY

Pushing against the weight of a massive clay ball, sophomore Kayla Flanigan gives the shot put a toss. "Shot put is good for me because, while I'm not very exceptional in any other sports, in the shot put event I'm at the top of my game!" said Flanigan. *photo by Aaron Holmgren*

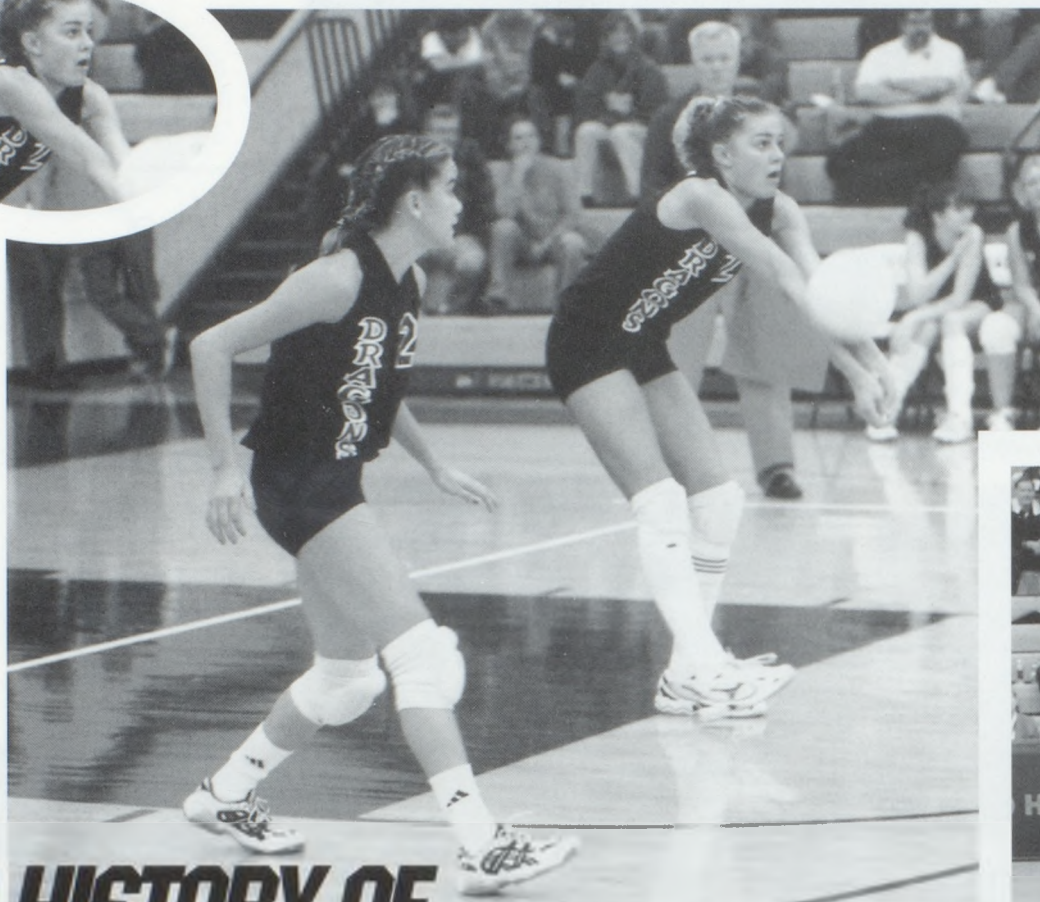


[Track is fun because you can be on a team but still be an individual and when you're having a bad day your teammates are still there to support you.]



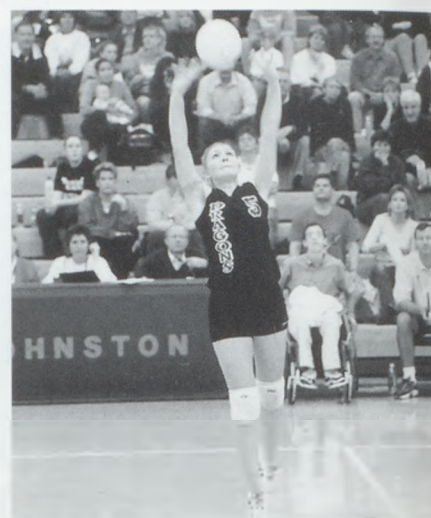
[Track is a great time, even though it can be frustrating at times. But in the end it is worth all of the hard work and effort that you put into the season.]

Abbie Toney '04
Kristen Schroeder '02



Senior Kristin Chaney receives the ball while senior Lindsey Way watches closely. "Our hardest game was the game at Boone. It was mentally tough for us," said Chaney. "If we lost, we would be done, but if we won, we would go to state." *photo by Aaron Holmgren*

After running to the ball, senior Mary Kuster sets it up for a spike. Kuster started every game and was the floor captain for the varsity team. She communicated all of the messages from her coaches to the other players that are out on the court. *photo by Aaron Holmgren*



A HISTORY OF

<TEAMWORK>

Younger players join a team of close-knit seniors

▼For the past six years the senior volleyball players have been on the same team. They felt a close bond on and off the court. "We were all really close friends because we played a lot of sports together. This helped us get along really well," said senior Lindsey Way. ▼In addition to the six seniors, sophomore Katie Johnson and her sister, junior Stacey Johnson, played on the team which created a change. "I had a lot of fun playing with the younger players because it was a change for us. We got along with them really well," said senior Lindsay Sleep. ▼Although Sleep and Way believed everything ran pretty smoothly, senior Bekah Morris had another opinion. Morris said, "I think our main problem was miscommunication, causing a bit of tension when we played." ▼Coach Rick Brooks agreed with both sides, "There were minor disagreements, but the team got along as a whole pretty well. They were always supportive and even if they were down by a lot, they were still up and cheering." The team tried to overcome the differences and make it a successful season, but fell short of moving onto the state tournament. *Spread by Danielle Collignon and Sheena Wendel*



FRESHMAN

Diving forward, freshman Emily Phelps reaches to bump the ball. Phelps thought that she played the season out well, and always put forth tons of effort. She wanted to continue playing so she tried out for the IPVA team. She and fifteen other freshman were selected to play on the team. *photo by Matthew Putney*



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The VARSITY view >>>>>>



Stretching to hit the ball, sophomore Katie Johnson tries to get it past her opponents at the Urbandale game. "There were only two sophomores that dressed out at the varsity level, but I was the only one who played," said Johnson. Being the youngest on the team Johnson received the opportunity to learn from the older players, including her sister junior Stacey Johnson. *photo by Aaron Holmgren*



[In the playoffs against Boone, the team lost a close match and fell short of going to state]



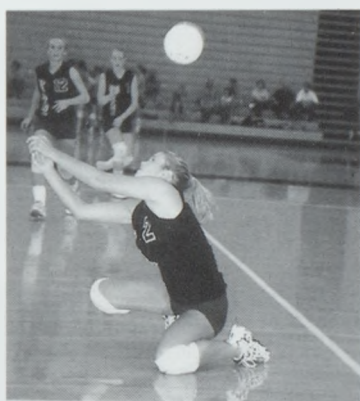
Concentrating to keep the ball in motion, senior Bekah Morris bumps the ball to attempt to score a point against Urbandale. "I have played volleyball for all four years of high school. I got a letter my senior year," said Morris. "This year I received the privilege of being honorable mention." Teammate Lindsay Ruisch was also selected for honorable mention. *photo by Aaron Holmgren*



SOPHOMORE



Struggling to hit the ball, sophomore Lizz Swanson sets herself up for the hit. Swanson had played volleyball with all the same players since seventh grade. She thought that this helped them to play at the level they did, because they were used to working together as a team. *photo by Matt Putney*



JV

Kneeling to the floor, junior Allison Mendrys attempts to pass the ball before it reaches the ground. According to Mendrys, one of her individual strengths was her serving. She also felt that the whole team played their best when they had hard and aggressive serving. *photo by Matthew Putney*



[There were three seniors who never got to play. It made us feel like we weren't part of the team. It made me wonder why I went out in the first place.]



[It was a lot of fun this season, because we had a lot of good girls go out for volleyball. We had a good season and played together well as a team.]

Teeshom '02

Erin

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"I think our school is lacking in diversity. But the students handle it well. No one has ever been rude to me, and I don't feel like I stand out."



Andrea Whittaker, 04

"One way that I felt more welcomed as a new student was by going to an orientation where I met fellow juniors and seniors."



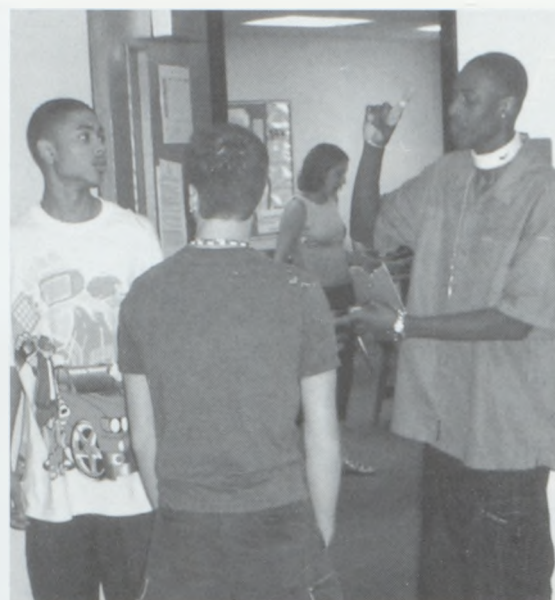
Phil Wong, '03

"People do look at me differently when they find out I have a son, but I have been lucky to experience mostly reactions of respect."



Candice Six, '02

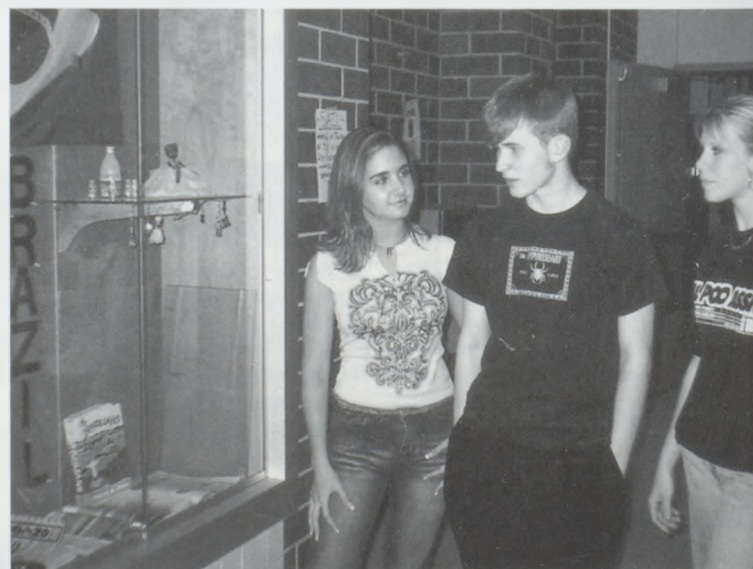
Juniors D'Angelo Johnson, Chris Neely and Seth Van Roekel hang out in the doorway of their psychology classroom, talking right before the tardy bell rings. Neely commented, "I think that because there isn't much of a variety of cultures at our school, people seem quick to judge me and anyone else who isn't like them." *photo by BreeAnn Noel Williams*



Sharing a chuckle during study hall, freshmen Becca Paszkiewicz, Lauren Coleman and Megan Samson have a discussion on their ideas of the school. "I think that the fact that Johnston is really sheltered makes it hard for students to accept diversity. Everyone is comfortable sticking with their own friends," said Paszkiewicz. *photo by Alana Brown*



Sophomore Veronica Hanson explains some facts about Brazil to sophomores Jenny McClanahan and Andy Pilkington. The diversity committee decided one way to create awareness of cultures was to decorate a case with different countries. Each month, they rotated the country being portrayed and had a new person decorate the case. Hanson brought in artifacts from Brazil. *photo by BreeAnn Williams*



[Going Beneath the Surface

Students strive to increase awareness about diversity

When it comes to the students at Johnston, there is a definite majority among the masses. So when it came to the minority, how did they keep from having their opinions overlooked?

"I think Johnston is pretty exclusive when it comes to different groups. Everyone seems to stick to whatever they are comfortable with. Rarely do I see another student going out on a limb for someone else," said senior Meghann Johnson.

One way staff and students worked together to create more awareness of the different views around them was the creation of the Diversity Committee. What began as an idea, grew into a functioning group that met every Friday morning and made itself known through poster, bringing in a speaker, and presenting goals to the administration.

"I want to look at the committee as a discussion center where people can feel comfortable enough to talk about any of their views," said sophomore member Corey Goerdts. "I see the school as a self-segregated place. And the only way we will ever learn from each other is to cross the bridges and talk to each other."

spread by Alana Brown and BreeAnn Williams

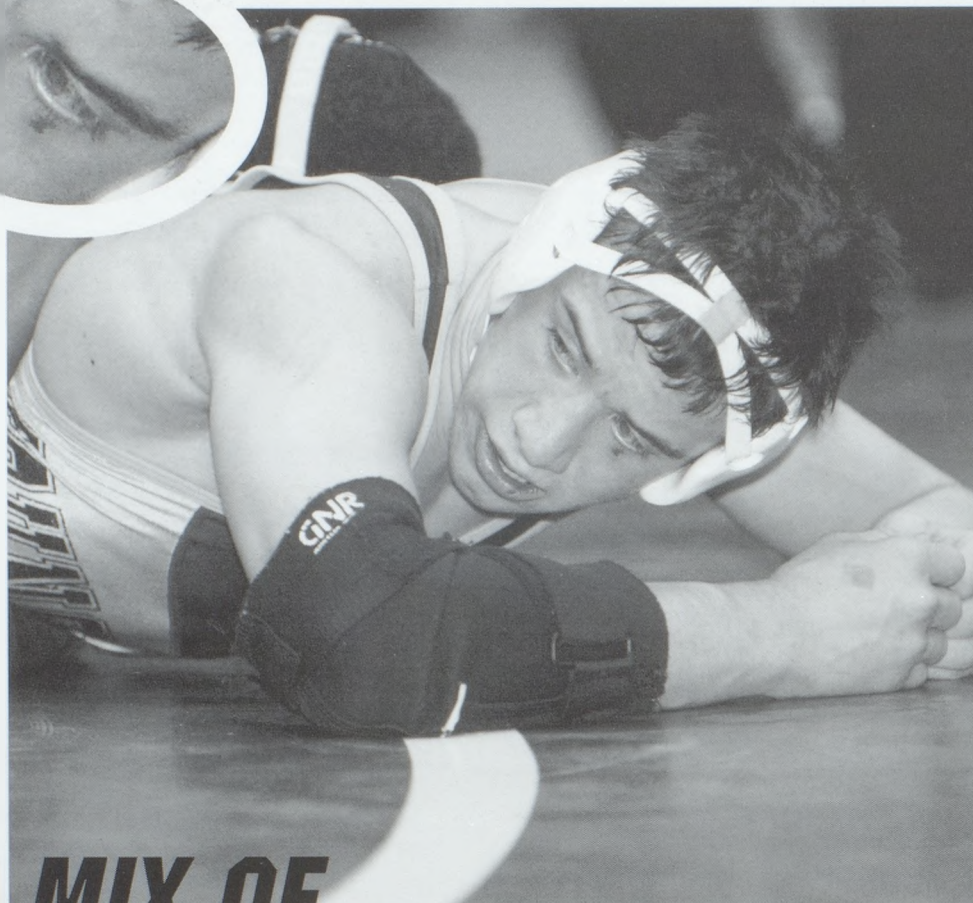


On Friday April 12, superintendent, Dr. Richard Sundblad, listens as the diversity committee presents some of their goals, while committee member Jennifer Rockwell sits next to him. Also invited to listen in to the presentation was principal Bruce Hukee and Wallace Elementary principal Bruce Amendt. The committee was hoping to expand their realm of influence to include the entire district. *photo by Alana Brown*

[Lane's View]

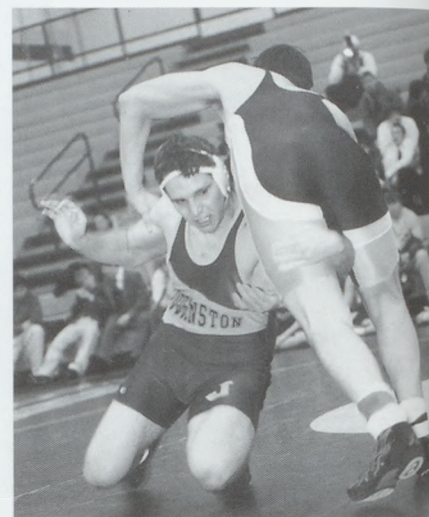


"At first, I wasn't sure how the diversity committee would work out. But it turns out it was just what the school and students needed," said teacher Amy Lane. *photo by Alana Brown*



Senior Grant Turner watches the clock with only seconds left in the 160 lbs. state final match, as the score stands at 16-6, in favor of Iowa City High's two-time state champ, Johnny Galloway, Jr. Turner placed second at state, finishing the season with a 47-1 record. *photo by Matthew Putney*

Taking a shot at Brandon Miller of Indianola, senior JR Mundy attempts a takedown. "I'm good on my feet and at takedowns. I could take down anyone I wrestled," said Mundy. Mundy went to state at 215 lbs., but pulled his hamstring in his first match. *photo by A. Holmgren*

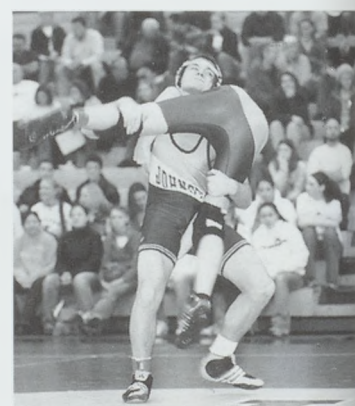


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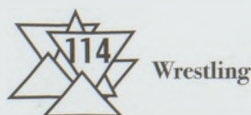
A season to celebrate is tainted by the loss of a Turner family member

▼It was Saturday night and senior Grant Turner had just wrestled now three-time state champ Johnny Galloway, Jr. and lost. Still, he finished second at state and was the only Johnston wrestler to place in the top five. He'd set school records for the most takedowns and most wins in a season. He was ready to celebrate, until he received shocking news from his father, Hal Turner. Turner's grandmother, Bonnie Turner, was sick, and had been in the hospital since Tuesday that week. Instead of celebrating, his concerns shifted to seeing his grandmother before she passed away. ▼"She was telling all the nurses I was wrestling in the state finals," Turner said. She had always supported his wrestling. "I told her how I did and she sat up, smiled at me and told me, 'Great job.'" ▼The next day, after he'd spent many hours with her, Turner's grandmother passed away. Turner believed his parents did the right thing by not telling him about her condition. They'd promised her not to tell him about it until after his final match. ▼"I think as soon as we showed up, she was ready," said Turner, "She had said her good-byes, and she was tired and ready to go." *spread by Aaron Holmgren*



JV

Junior Shae Ary, a black belt in Tae Kwon Do, hoists an Ankeny wrestler over his shoulder. Ary proceeded to slam his antagonist and was almost disqualified. "If he hadn't gotten up after that, he would have won, but he sucked it up and tried to continue. He was too hurt to keep going, so I won," said Ary. *photo by A. Holmgren*



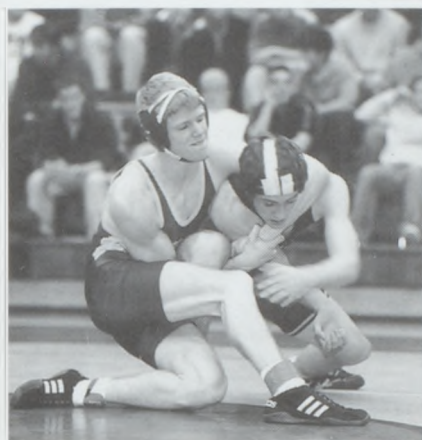
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Dowling's Devin Mueller gets mauled by senior Cory Bengtson. He made it to state for the first time, despite the fact that his opponents were often much heavier than he was. "In nearly every match, Cory gave up 40-50 pounds," said head coach Brian Reece. Bengtson finished the season with a record of 27-17, with 14 pins. *photo by Aaron Holmgren*

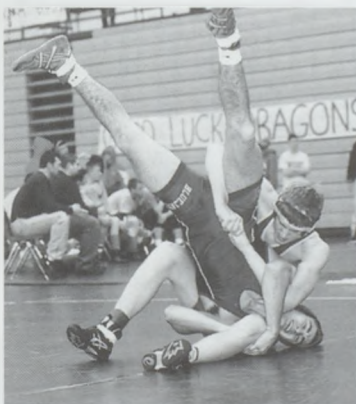


With a well-placed headlock, senior Jason McKeever wrenches the neck of Dowling's Mike Bergman. McKeever's record was 27-17, almost the exact opposite of his 12-20 record his sophomore year. Commenting on his sometimes intimidating facial expressions, McKeever said, "I don't try to make mean faces, that's just me getting aggressive. I'm never mad at all." *photo by Aaron Holmgren*

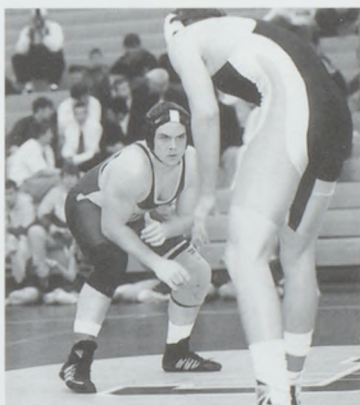
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Wrestling his second varsity match, freshman Zac Swoyer puts the squeeze on James Carver of Bondurant. "He started making weird noises, so I thought he was tired and I might be able to beat him," said Swoyer. "The only reason he beat me was because he stopped wrestling and started stalling." *photo by Aaron Holmgren*



VARSITY

In his first match back since dislocating his patella the previous week, junior David Chamberlain glares at his Indianola opponent, Jeff Larson. Wrestling in the 189 lbs. weight class, it was Chamberlain's first year as a wrestler. "Wrestling is probably the toughest sport I've ever done," said Chamberlain. *photo Aaron Holmgren*



['Experience is everything,' as the coaches would always say, but sometimes you kind of have to be nuts to just want to go out and kill your opponent.]



[We're all going to wrestling camps over the summer, wrestling a lot of freestyle. Some guys didn't go to any this year, so we will all be a lot better.]

Kris Walters

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James

Rhoades '03

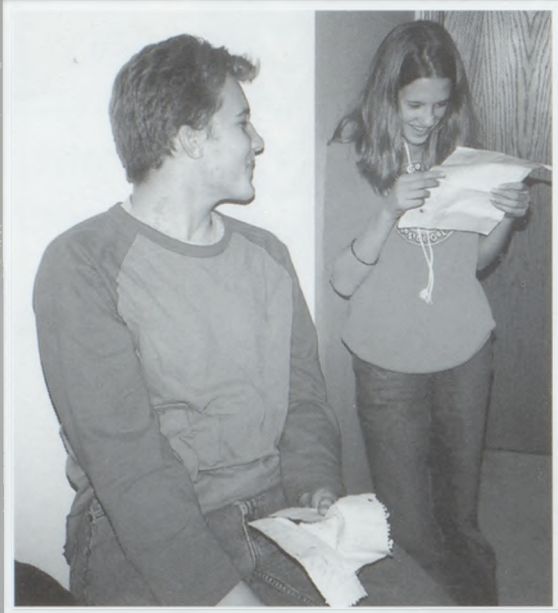
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Sophomore Rachel Vorm and junior Aaron Holmgren share a chuckle over some t-shirt ideas regarding bear themes that Holmgren and sophomore Woody Brenton had drawn. "While the idea never panned out, it added pizzazz to the yearbook party," said Vorm. *photo by Jenna Stone*



Working diligently on the ads, senior Amy Dennis puts in some artwork. Each student had to go about the community recruiting businesses for the yearbook. New students had to raise \$375 worth of ads, while returning students were responsible for \$475. *photo by Cyrus Andrews*



Yearbook View

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"The first story I did was about math. I had to revise it at least seven times. In the end it turned out to be a learning experience and helped me realize not to wait until the last minute."

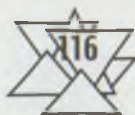
Stephanie Cameron '04

"I didn't mind taking pictures for other people in yearbook, but I wasn't always the best person to do it. I had fun going to different events at the school to help other people out."

Nicole King '02

"The thing about layouts is that everyone thinks I'm really good at them. When in reality, I'm not. So there's a lot of pressure and no ability. But somehow I pull it off."

Dave Seibert '03



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Senior Emily Sinnwell presents the colorful yearbook pinata. At the beginning of the year the two yearbook classes combined their powers in the form of a yearbook party, which was held at Sinnwell's house. The purpose behind the festivities was for everyone to get to know each other while enjoying refreshments in a bonding environment. *photo by J. Stone*

Surviving the Year

The staff had to learn how to cope with everything from deadlines to dropouts

Trials crept up from the start among the yearbook staff. The staff had to deal with keeping deadlines as they always have, but they had the added obstacle of working with students in the extra class period. "The added class period was hard at first, but it was worthwhile because I knew it would help out in the future," said head editor Jenna Stone.

They also had to pick up extra work after students quit at semester. "How the staff reacted was truly astounding. It says so much about their character that they believed they should finish what they started," said adviser Leslie Shipp.

Learning through their mistakes and from things out of their control, the group realized that what doesn't kill you must make you stronger. *spread by Alana Brown and BreeAnn Williams*

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Editing an academic layout, junior Jennifer Herrmann pays attention to details. The editing system had to be changed a couple of times before a permanent one was put into place with junior Jenna Stone and Herrmann as the head editors. *photo by Rachel Vorm*

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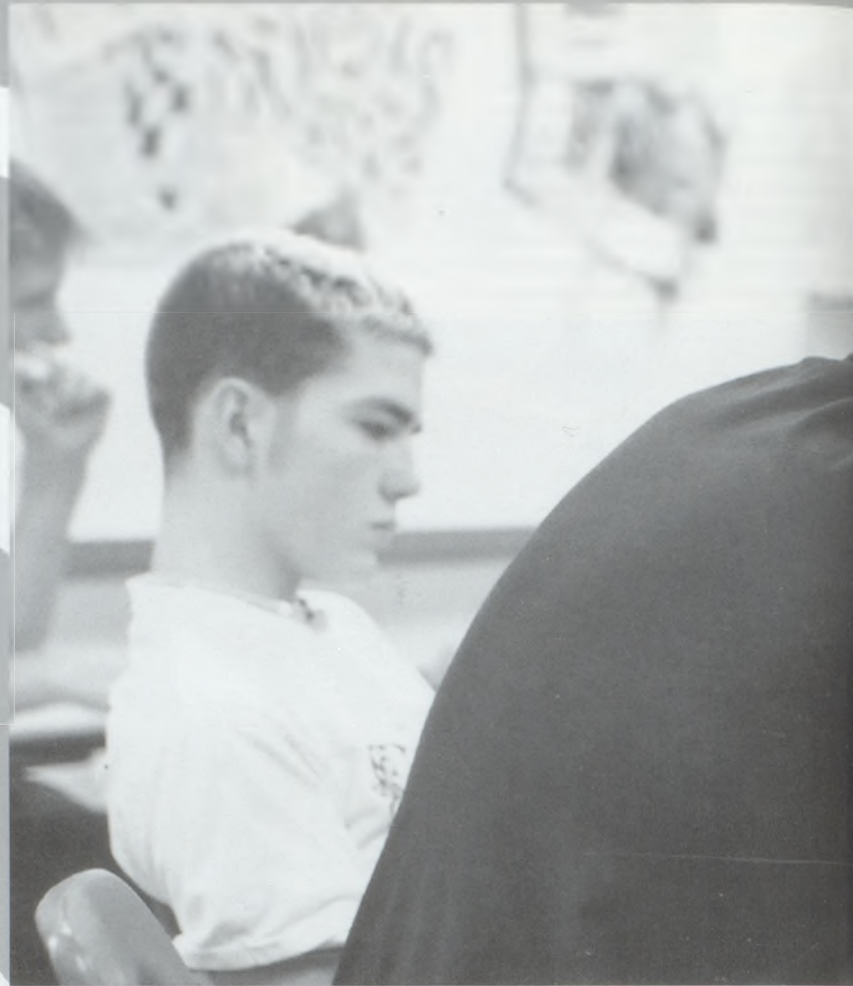
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Instructor Dave Beason examines a fish caught by one of his outdoor pursuit students, senior Katie Petersen. Beason had been teaching outdoor pursuits for four years and had taught physical education at Johnston for 13 years. His mugshot is located on page 165, while Petersen's is on 129.
photo by Mathew Putney



Finished with his swing, senior Adam Frank watches his ball soar through the air. Frank had attended Johnston since kindergarten, a total of thirteen years. His picture is on page 123, and the golf team group shot can be found on page 175.
photo by Mathew Putney

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Senior Andrew Goodman holds his head up and reads a book of his choosing after completing a portion of the Iowa Tests of Educational Development. Junior David Hefner and senior Rachael Johnson did the same in the background. If their faces are unrecognizable, the three's portraits can be found on pages 123, 137 and 125, respectively. *photo by Mathew Putney*



Waiting to play, sophomore Randall Chamberlin keeps track of five baseballs and watches his teammates. Chamberlain came to the district in first grade, when he was seven years old. His mugshot is on page 145. *photo by Aaron Holmgren*



As the audience looks on, seniors Whitney Armstrong and Zaq Couture perform the parts of the Nurse and Romeo in Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*. Armstrong and Couture's facial features can be viewed in greater detail on page 121. The entire cast of *Romeo and Juliet* can be seen on page 174, where the fall play group shot resides. *photo by Mathew Putney*

BETH

A DAY THAT WILL LIVE ON IN OUR HEARTS FOREVER

"September 11 was a tragedy, a shock and an indescribable occurrence which has made me open my eyes and my heart. It has been a wake-up call to many and a forever changing moment in my life. Although lives were lost and sadness inhabits the hearts of many, I still feel people have changed for the better. People are now taking a stand and are giving of themselves in order to help someone in need. Our nation has come together and formed a team." ~ Beth Bond



Studying for her government test at school, senior Bond looks over material covering the executive branch. Government was Bond's least favorite class, because she did not enjoy the topics that they covered. photo by Ashley Brown



Talking to seniors Sara Hobbs and Jessica Hainline, Bond attends senior Katie Larson's eighteenth birthday party. Larson held a murder mystery party at her house with seven friends. Bond said, "It was fun because it wasn't a typical party." photo by Katie Larson

Seniors, Adams-Couture



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Listening to different cd's at Barnes and Noble Bookstore®, Bond spends some free time with close friend, Larson. Bond liked shopping at the book store because she felt they had a better variety of books, magazines and music than some other bookstores. photo by Ashley Brown





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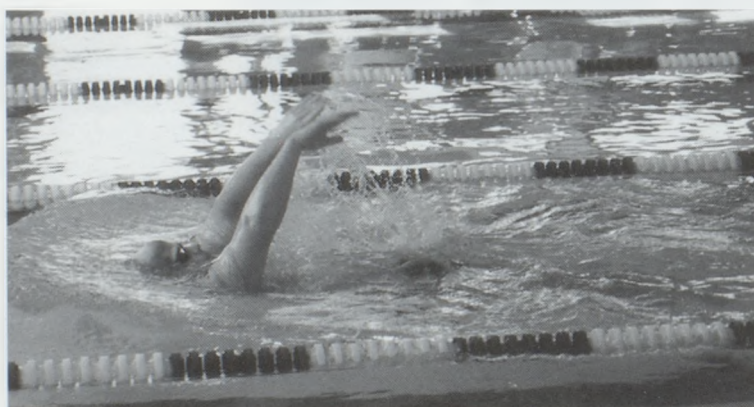
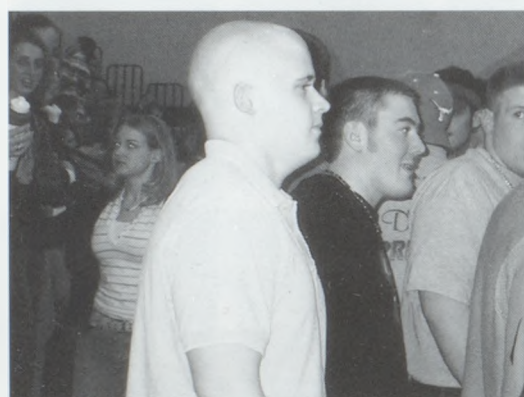
JON

STUDENTS SHOULD CHOOSE ACADEMICS OVER ATHLETICS

"I do not agree that sports run high schools. Sports are a way for kids to be involved in activities and learn about teamwork and effort. Many students do believe sports are more important than school, but an education will get you further in life than sports will. High schools are a place for academics, and athletics are secondary. There are high schools that do care more for sports than an education, but I don't believe there are too many." ~ Jon Ellis

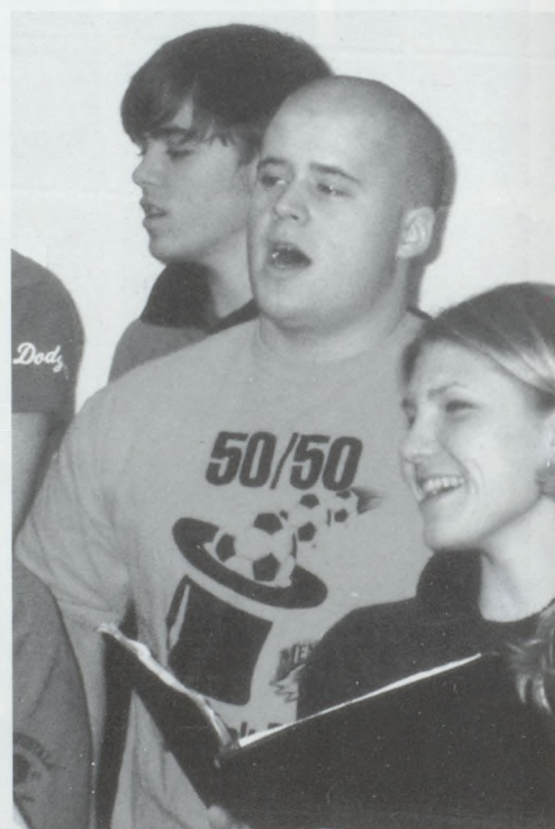


Seniors Ellis and Tyler Cate watch the varsity boys' basketball team in a game against Urbandale. "I attended every game that I could, because I enjoyed watching the games with my friends," said Ellis. *photo by Danielle Collignon*



Doing his warm-ups, Ellis stretches out his arms. He had been swimming ever since he could remember, but started competing when he was 12 years old. He swam at the varsity level all four years of his high school career and received a letter each year. *photo by Rachel Vorm*

Seniors, Creger-Gustafson



Singing a tune, Ellis and senior Mary Kuster warm up their voices during Innovation practice. He participated in show choir throughout high school. According to Ellis, the best part of the program was the competitions they went to every weekend. *photo by D. Collignon*



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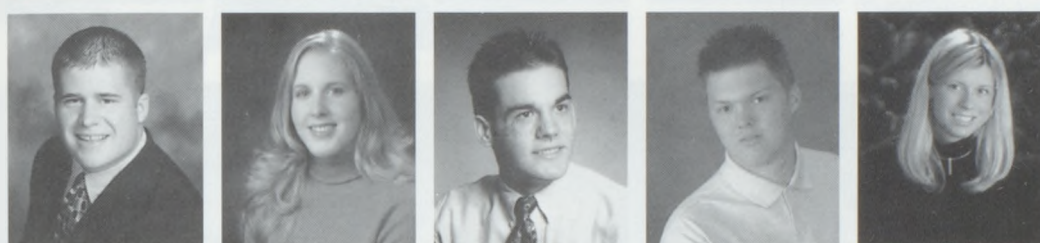
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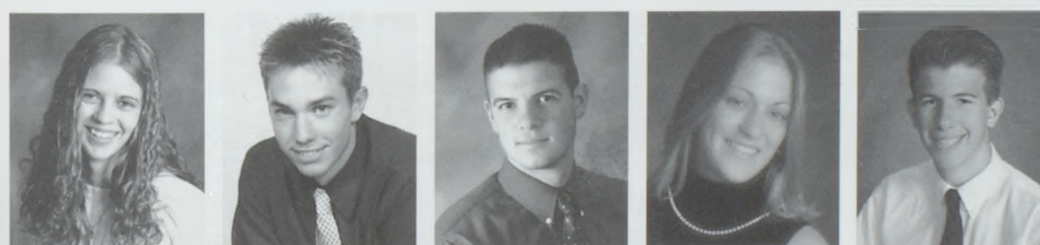
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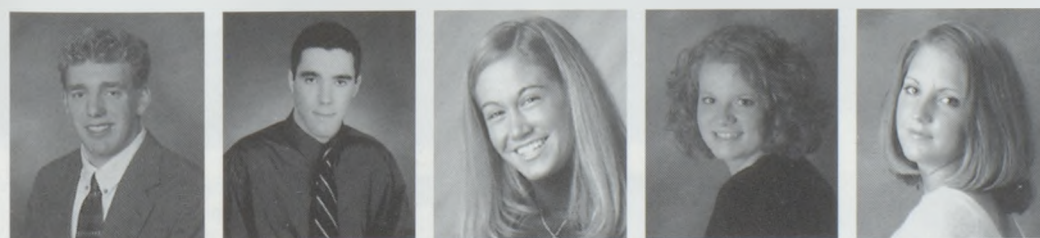
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ANDY

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PRAYER IN SCHOOL SHOULD NOT BE QUESTIONED

"I think public prayer in schools should have been taken out, because when it was in (schools), it only supported Christianity and excluded all other religions. Not that I think every religion is correct. But I think every student, no matter what their beliefs, should have the right to pray in school, just as long as it doesn't disrupt others' learning. Separation of church and state is a good idea because it doesn't show favor to any one religion." ~ Andy Johannesen



Reading the book *Rotten Island*, senior Johannesen watches kids at the First Church of the Open Bible Child Care. He worked Monday through Friday 12:00-5:30 p.m. This is where he attended day care when he was younger. photo by Jennifer Herrmann



After dinner conversation, at the recently opened Pancheros®, Johannesen and friend Dave Larson spend time talking. The two became friends after they met at church six years ago. They usually hung out together once or twice a week. photo by Jennifer Herrman



While standing in his garage, Johannesen waxes his snowboard. He bought the snowboard in the summer of 2000 with his own money. "I have been snowboarding for three years, and you have got to keep it (the snowboard) waxed." photo by Jennifer Herrmann



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Seniors, Gwinn-Kazatsker



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Rebekah Joy Haag
Derek Haden
Jessica Marie Hainline
Heidi Halbersma*



*J. Nicholas Haney
Catherine Hannan
Christopher Hart
Keen Harvey
Justin Hazebroek*



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David Heth
Amy Jo Heverly
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Sara Marie Hobbs*



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Tim House
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Sarah Lynn Huffman
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*Andy D. Humphrey
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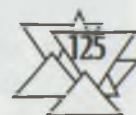
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JENNY

STEREOTYPES IN THE HALLS AND IN THE CLASSROOM

"Johnston is known as "prepston" or "snobston" from surrounding schools. Just like this stereotype, there are also stereotypes that students have toward each other. I personally try to get to know someone before I make a judgement about them from the first impression. I think if more people tried to get to know different people rather than just people in their own "clicks," then Johnston would be a friendlier place to attend." ~ Jenny Luse



Senior Luse watches as she spins two of the kids, Brian and Katelyn, that she cares for at the Oakmoor Racquet and Fitness Club. Luse worked in the nursery there watching children while their parents participated in activities the club had to offer. photo by S.O.



Luse styles her sister, graduate Angie Luse's hair. She hopes to style hair for her career some day. Luse said, "I've wanted to be a cosmetologist since third grade." Luse planned on going to La' James College of Hairstyling after high school. photo by Stacy Olsasky



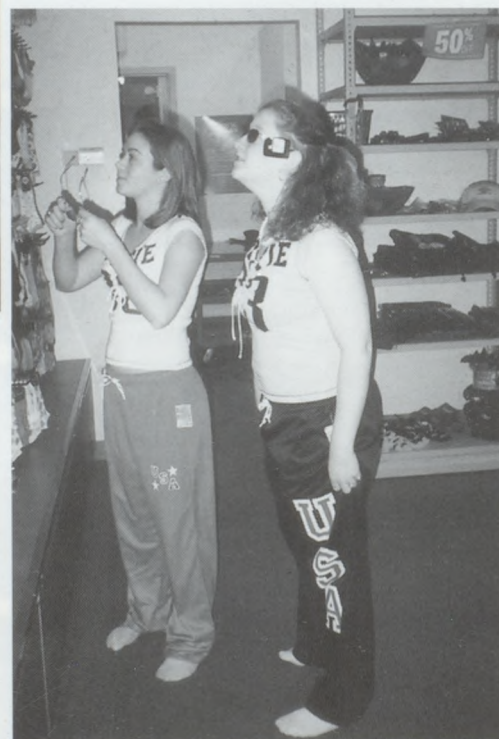
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Luse and friend, senior Gina Frizzell, model clothes and accessories from Rue 21® at Merle Hay Mall in Urbandale. Luse and Frizzell liked to shop at Rue 21® because it was a lot cheaper than most of the stores in the mall and they carried clothes that were in style. photo provided by Stacy Olsasky



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Kyla J. Kimrey
Nicole Rae King*



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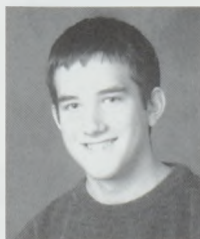
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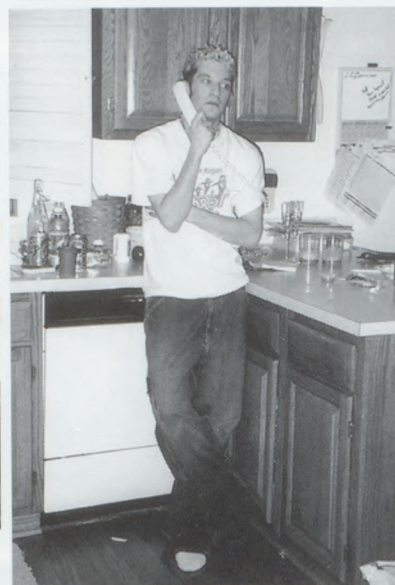
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DEFINING WHO WE ARE THROUGH WHAT WE WEAR

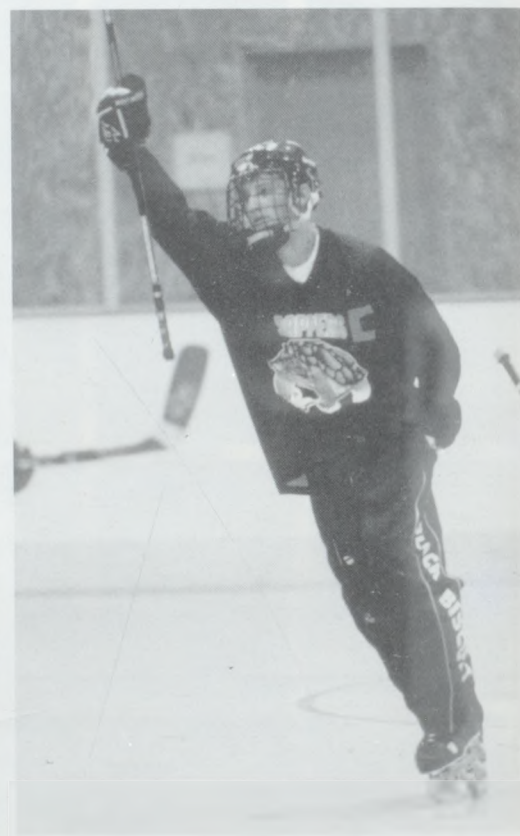
"Everyone can have their own opinions about having uniforms in school. My opinion is that we shouldn't have uniforms. The clothes that people wear are what makes them unique. If we all had the same clothing on we wouldn't know who we are. That's another way we are our own people, in the clothes that we wear. Sure, the teachers may not like what some people are wearing, but they shouldn't try to take away who we want to be." ~ Sam Musser



DJ'ing at Skate 2000, seniors Musser and Andrew Stone program the computers to play the next song. Other parts included in his job description were to give out skates, break up any fights and clean bathrooms. photo by Michelle Mefferd



Keeping things peaceful, Musser and brother, senior Jared Musser, provoke one another while watching hockey on television. "Jared and I are both pretty energetic people so we go and play hockey. It also keeps us from being bored at home," said Musser. photo by Michelle Mefferd



As he holds up his hockey stick, Musser skates during a hockey game. Musser began playing hockey on ice, but gradually changed to competing on roller blades. He and his brother participated in nationals, Iowa Games and other small tournaments around the city. photo provided by Sam Musser



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Seniors, Miedema-Saldana



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Mark Milburn
Nate Miller
Nick Miller
Carrie Lynn Minton*



*Robert Moore Jr.
Jonathan David Morgan
Rebekah L. Morris
James R. Mundy
Jared Musser*



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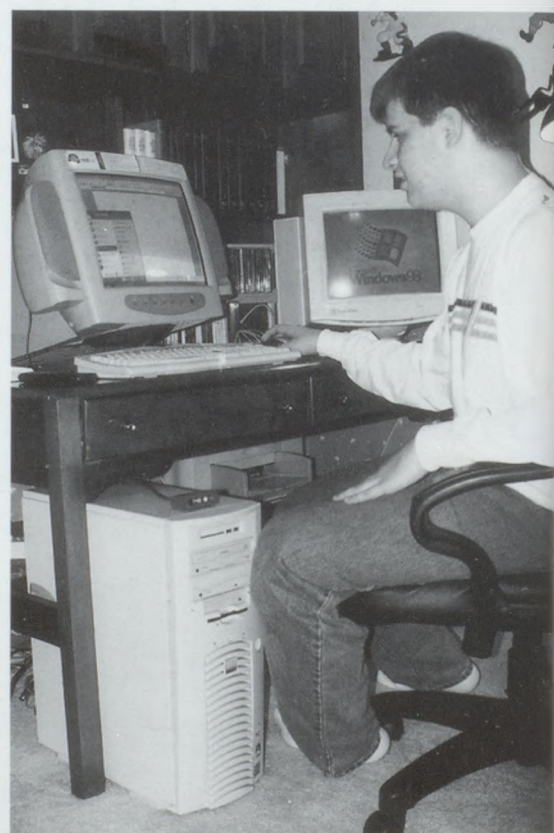
JASEN

PREMARITAL SEX GIVES A FALSE SENSE OF DEPTH

"Premarital sex confuses, and gives a false sense that you know the other person better than you really do know them. Condoms and pills can try to keep us out of some kinds of trouble, but not this kind of trouble. When we look at how hard it is to form unselfish emotional relationships that honor the other person, the last thing that we need is this confusing false sense of depth. This is why I believe premarital sex is a bad choice." ~Jasen Stoeker



Selecting their players, seniors Stoeker and Seth Anderson get ready to play Super Smash Bros. Malee on Stoeker's Nintendo Game Cube. Stoeker and his friends usually competed in video game tournaments during the weekends. photo by Grace Schoper



Senior Justin Hazebrock focuses intently on the game of pool, while Stoeker and senior Dan Knight look on. "Generally some of us play pool on Fridays when we all get together," said Stoeker. "Dan usually wins all of the games." photo by Grace Schoper



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Stoeker opens up a Word document on his computer. He built a computer, and said without assistance it was challenging, but worthwhile. Stoeker said working on and building computers was something he enjoyed, as well as programming them. photo by Grace Schoper



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THE KILLING OF AN INNOCENT, UNBORN CHILD

"The real meaning of abortion is the killing of an unborn child. Personally, I am against abortion. The reason I am against it is, if the woman wants to have a baby why does she choose to kill it before it's born? If it was my choice I would have the baby and give it up for adoption. It would be the better thing to do, plus you are choosing to let the baby live rather than killing it. I think that saving the life of a child is much better than killing it." ~ Tera Verrant



Selecting an eyebrow design, seniors Verrant and Tera Ely look through a magazine. Verrant and Ely got their eyebrows waxed at Iowa School of Beauty. Ely said, "We want to do it every three weeks just to make them look good." photo by Marissa Stetson



Stocking shelves, Verrant works at the cosmetology counter at the Walgreens on 62nd Ave. "While working at Walgreens, I greet customers with a friendly smile and ask them if they need help," Verrant said, "I also stocked the cosmetology shelves and reorganize them." photo by Stetson



Picking out her personal bowling ball, Verrant gets ready to bowl her part during her meet. The meet was at Val Lanes against Dowling on Jan. 24. Verrant was on the JV team during this meet but normally played on the varsity team. photo by Marissa Stetson



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Seniors, Turner-Zirkelbach



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SEPTEMBER 11 LIVES ON FOREVER IN HER MEMORY

"When I woke up on September 11th, I thought it was going to be a typical day. During American Literature, my class learned that two airplanes had hit the buildings of the World Trade Center. Throughout the day I was kept current with any new information that was available. The most touching moment was when I heard the "Star Spangled Banner" played at our school assembly. The gym had never been so quiet." ~ Kayla Casey



As Casey glues down her picture in a scrapbook, she remembers homecoming night. Three years ago she started making scrapbooks that covered different parts of her life such as volleyball and vacations. photo by Audrey Stone



Casey finds a time-saving way to bond with her sister while helping her with Spanish homework. Micah, a seventh grader, said, "I enjoy having my sister help me because then I get to spend time with her." It became a nightly ritual for both the sisters. photo by Audrey Stone



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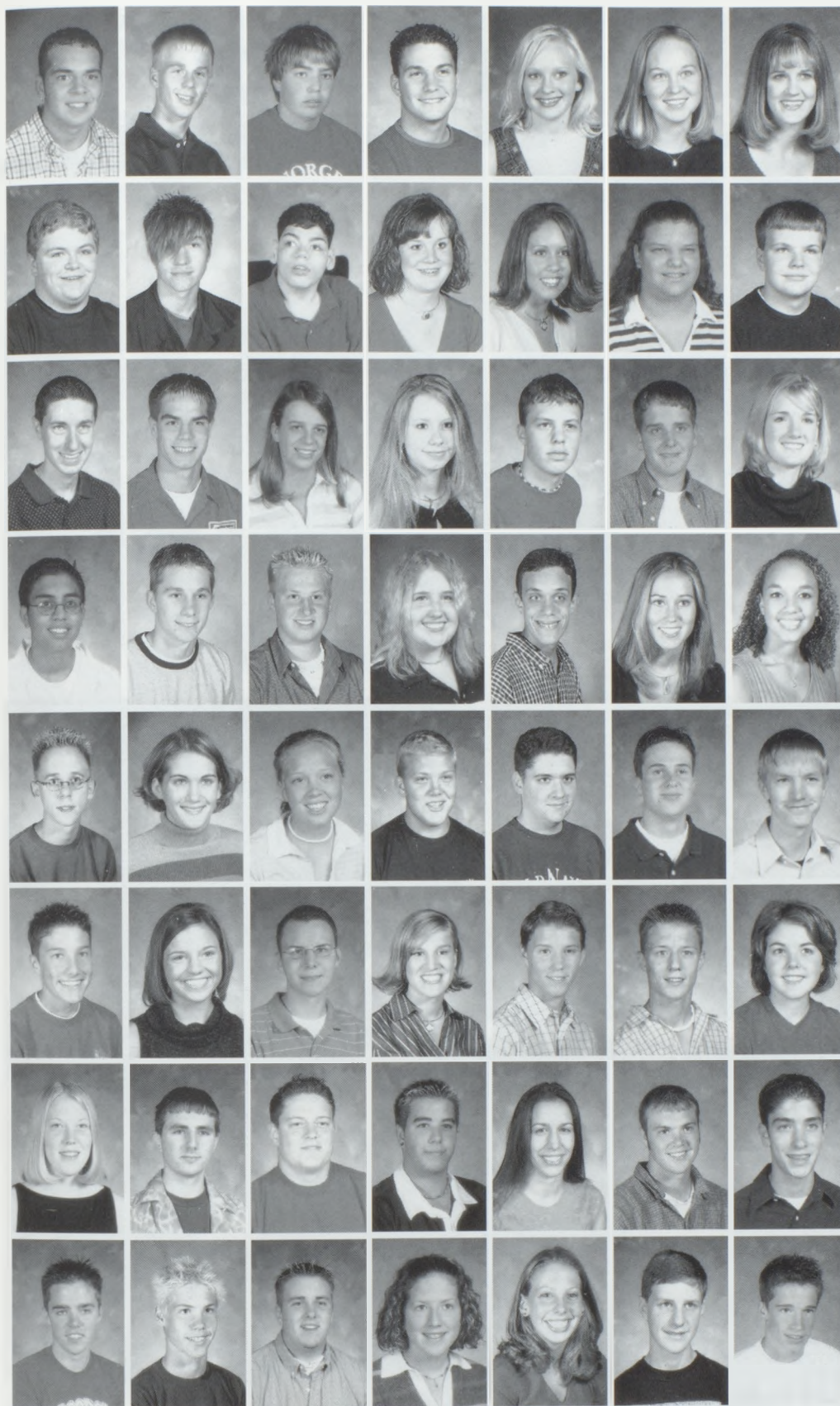
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Casey enjoys playing with her seven-year old golden retriever, Roxy. The family got Roxy when Casey was twelve years old. She was the family's first pet. "I love having a dog because she always keeps me warm," said Casey. The dog slept with Casey or her sister each night. photo by Audrey Stone



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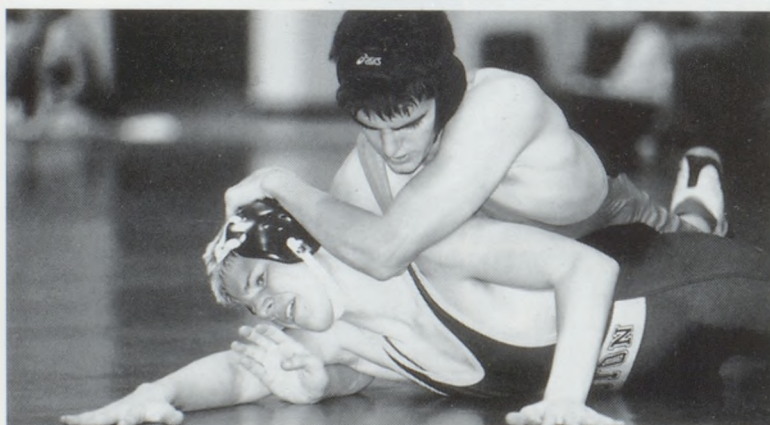
BLAKE

UNIFORMS IN SCHOOL AFFECT INDIVIDUALITY

"I don't think that we should have to wear uniforms in school because choosing our own clothes is part of our personality. If we had to wear the same thing then no one would be different. Funny people may not feel so out going if they are wearing the same thing as everyone else. I think some people cross the line when they wear skimpy stuff or spikes. I don't like dress codes but think it would be necessary when it offends or harms other people." ~ Blake Hainline



Hanging out, Junior Hainline and senior Amy Dennis shoot pool in Hainline's basement. Dennis said, "When we play pool he tries to cheat. I have so many skills. It doesn't matter, I always win." photo by Marissa Stetson



Making a comeback, Hainline wrestles during a home meet against Ames. Hainline was the only wrestler to go to state in 2001. Hainline said, "State was really nerve-racking. I hope to go back this year but with a few more of my teammates this time." photo by Matthew Puttney



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Breaking between reps, Hainline and graduate Royce VanRockel lift weights. Hainline lifted at Seven Flags Fitness Club a couple of morning a week from 6:30-7:30 a.m. Hainline made lifting weights a priority so he could stay in shape for wrestling. photo by Megan Morehouse



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KATIE

PREMARITAL SEX IS LIKE LOSING A PIECE OF YOU

"Each time you share a piece of yourself with someone it becomes theirs, and it's something that you can never take back. You are attached to them for the rest of your life. God created sex to be a beautiful thing shared between married couples. When sex is practiced outside of marriage it is abused and made ugly, something that will stay with you for the rest of your life. Preserve what God has created as beautiful." ~ Katie McKinley



As she waits for another person to arrive, junior McKinley talks to her friends, Urbandale seniors Jay Erickson and Julie Kunze, before their Bible study. McKinley said, "Bible study is a good way for me to see my friends." photo by Sheena Wendel



Playing with her dog, McKinley attempts to take a toy away from Zacchaeus. McKinley and her siblings received the dog as a Christmas present from their parents. Her family named the dog after Zacchaeus in the Bible, because he was very tiny. photo by Sheena Wendel



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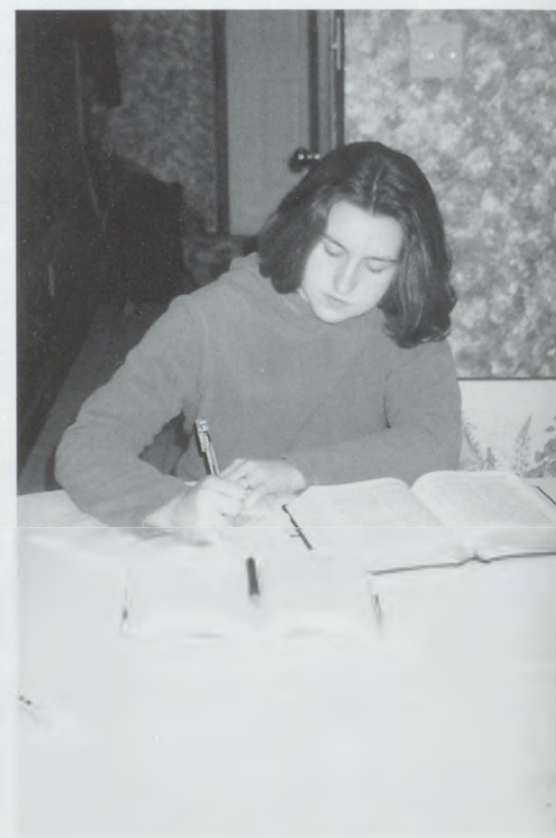


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Preparing for her Bible study, McKinley copies verses out of the Bible. She was the leader of her study group which met every other Sunday night at the group members' houses. McKinley said she usually spent between one to three hours preparing for each meeting. photo by Sheena Wendel





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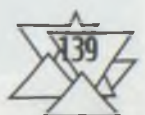
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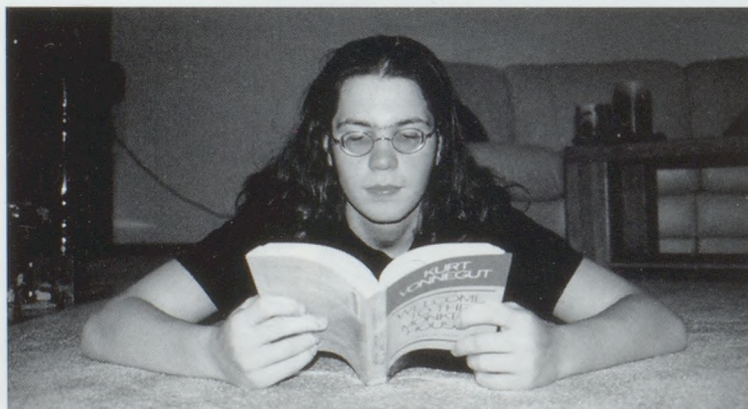
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Playing the senior Seth Anderson's Nintendo 64, senior Nathan Wylie and junior Peterson enjoy a round of Super Smash Brothers. Peterson and his friends usually played multiplayer video games when they hung out. photo by Julia Serbus



Lying on the living room floor, Peterson reads a work of literature. Peterson enjoyed reading; it was one of his favorite things to do. Peterson said, "I like reading because it's an enjoyable activity that relaxes me and stimulates my imagination." photo by Julia Ann Serbus



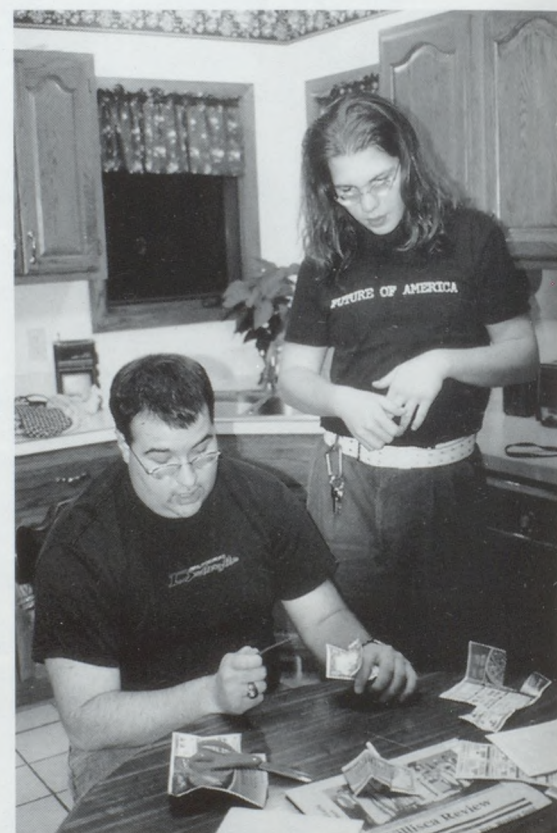
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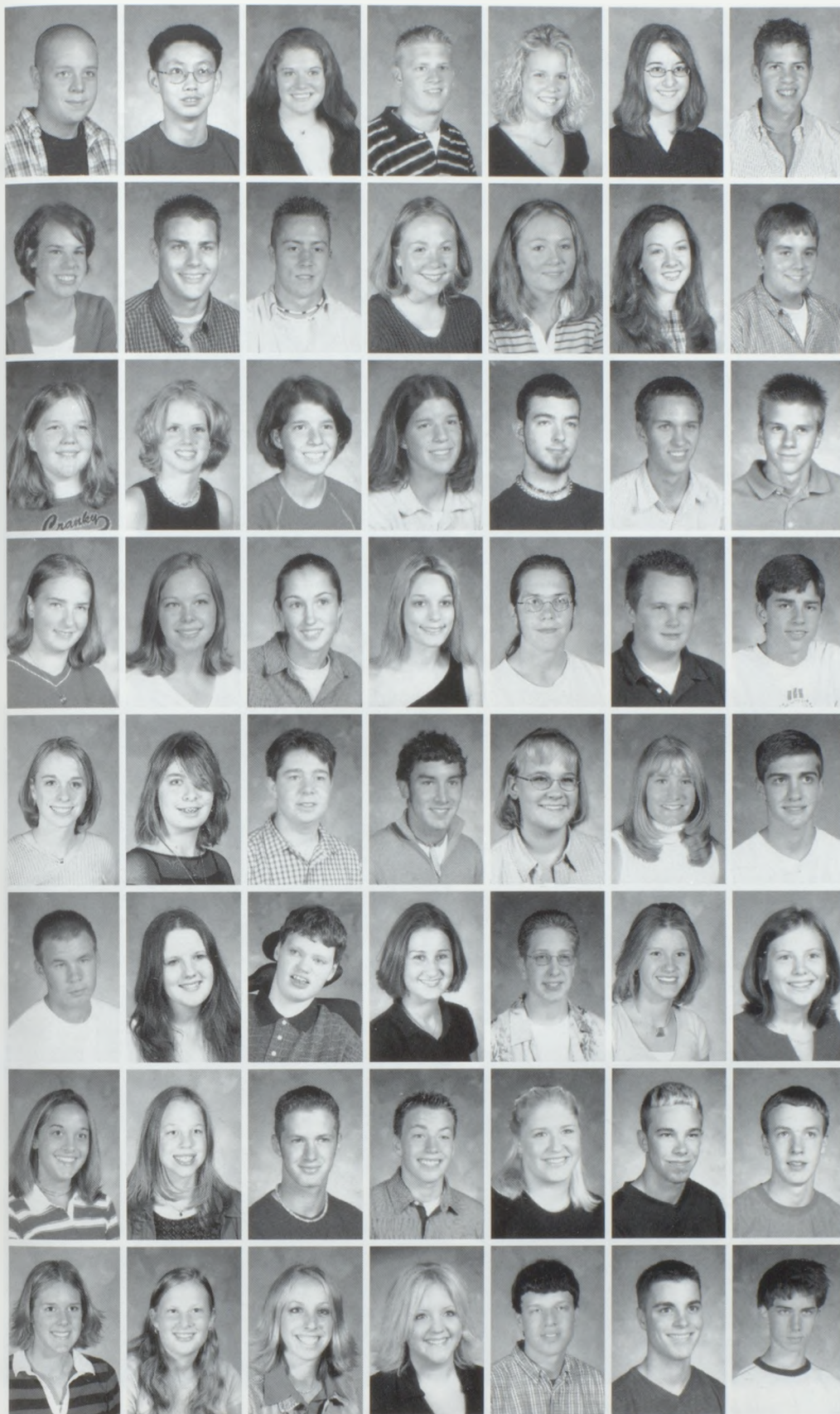
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Examining the coupons available and money allotted, Seth Anderson and Peterson decide what to order for dinner. They chose a Meatlover's® pizza from Pizza Hut®. When they got together and ordered pizza, the food was normally ordered from Pizza Hut® or Papa John's. photo by Julia Serbus



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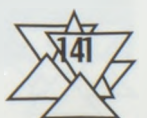
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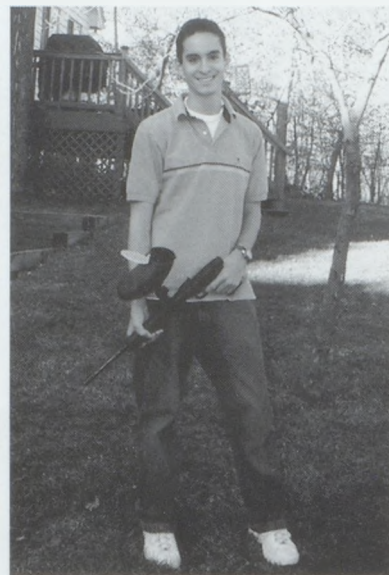
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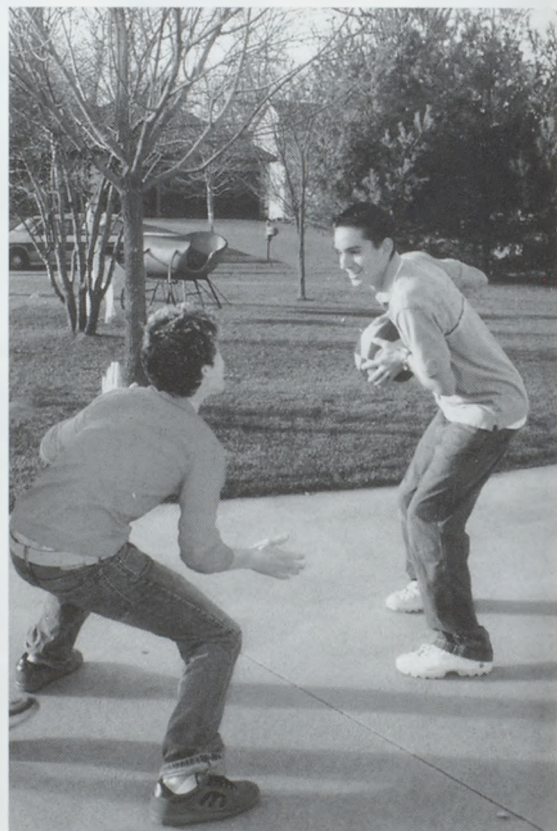
"I believe that prayer in school should be accepted and allowed, but not forced on anybody. Prayer shouldn't be required because it would violate the separation of church and state. Students should know that their peers and teachers won't treat them differently. If prayer was offered at Johnston then I think the student body should vote on whether it should be a religion class or an after school activity."
~ Dan Siedenburg



Playing the drum, junior Siedenburg rehearsed with junior Jon Evans. The four played together at least once a week. The guitar players were Evans and junior Ryan Clarkson. Evans sang and junior Marc Cabrera played the bass guitar. photo by E.S.



Drinking coffee and listening to music, Siedenburg and senior Heidi Halbersma relax at Java Joes downtown. After Halbersma finished her white chocolate mocha, Siedenburg and Halbersma walked through the skywalks and window shopped. photo by Emma Stone



Preparing to pass, Siedenburg plays basketball with junior Ryan Clarkson. Besides playing paintball and video games, Siedenburg and Clarkson liked to play each other on Clarkson's court. "Dan has long arms and always rebounds my missed shots," said Clarkson. photo by E.S.



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Juniors, Seibert-Wall





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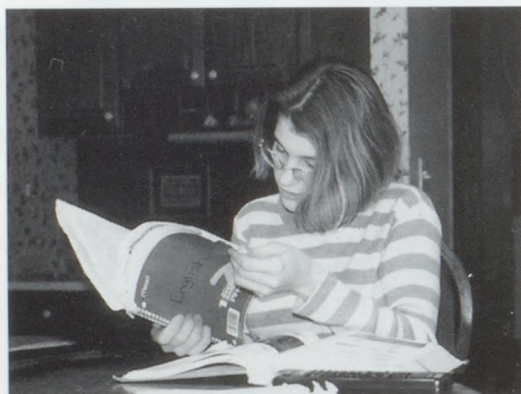
PAM

KILLING THE UNBORN IS MORALLY WRONG

"Some say that at (the first) stage of life the would-be child does not have rights. I disagree with this because once a child is conceived it is a human. The parents of the child need to take responsibility for their actions. The responsible thing to do would be to give the baby up for adoption, if you did not think it was right to try and take care of it. Abortion to me is just being too scared to do anything but hide from the truth." ~ Pam Brande



Starting on her homework, sophomore Brande looks through her English notebook. Brande usually worked on homework for about three or four hours everynight. Most of her time was spent working on math. photo by Jennifer Herrmann



Discussing the rules, Brande plays a game of *Spite and Malice*® with her father, Bruce Brande. "It's my grandmother's favorite game, she taught me how to play. We usually play cards when we have relatives over. My favorite game is *Monopoly*®." photo by Jennifer Herrmann



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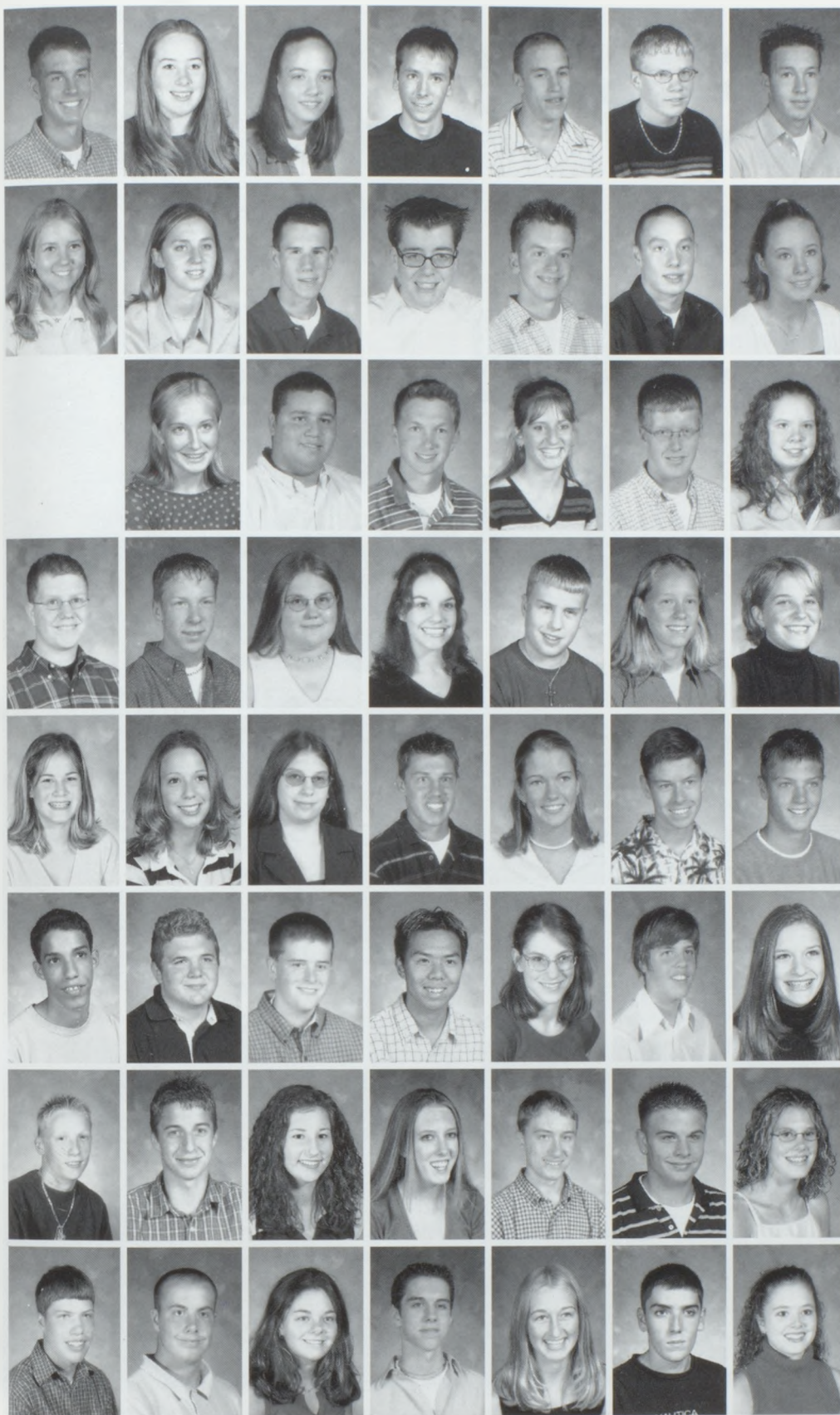


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Helping with the household chores, Brande puts a plate away. Brande spent time after school about three days a week doing things around the house to help with cleaning. She cleaned the dishes and the bathroom to help her family. She also cleaned her room. photo by Herrmann



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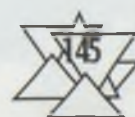
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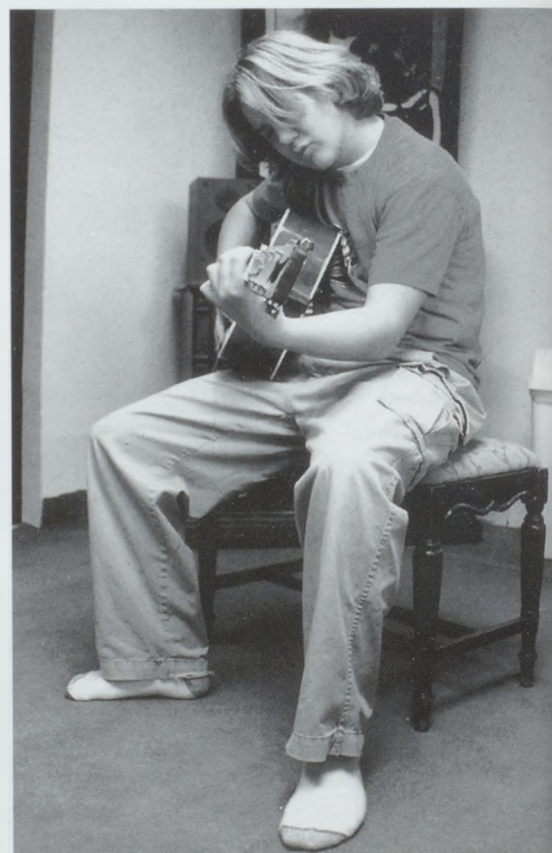
JOSHUA

AMERICANS NEED TO MOVE ON WITH THEIR LIVES

"I think September 11 was obviously a tragedy but what I don't understand is why the government has to be so ignorant to think that nothing bad would ever happen to America. We went out and made extremely tall buildings just because we could. I think Americans shouldn't be afraid of flying anymore and they should just go on with their lives. They should not feel guilty that they lived and others did not." ~ Joshua Fredregill



Riding down the street on his unicycle, sophomore Fredregill concentrates on staying balanced. He had only unicycled for about a year. Fredregill said, "I started unicycling because I thought it would be fun; also because no one else has a unicycle and I might as well." photo by Rachel Vorm



Hanging out with his friend, sophomore Tyler Sloan, Fredregill gets ready to ride on his skateboard. Fredregill had been a skateboarder since eighth grade. And even though the hobby comes with a lot of bumps and bruises according to Fredregill, he still enjoyed the skill. photo by Olsasky



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Guitar in hands, Fredregill practices a few notes. Fredregill did not know how to play any songs because he had only played for a few months. He taught himself how to play. He did not plan on taking lessons or ever being in a band any time soon. photo by Rachel Vorm

Sophomores, Copeland- Herrold



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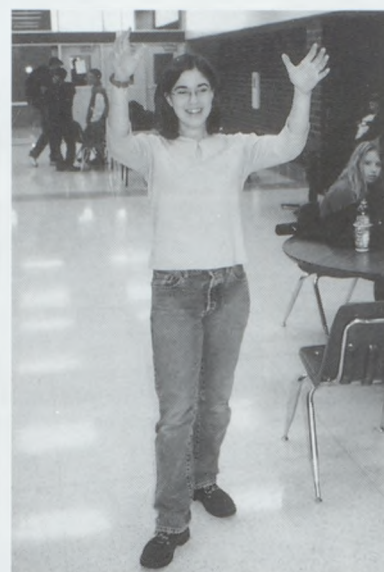
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MICHELLE

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT WILL BE THE DEATH OF US ALL

"The death penalty is a very controversial subject, and many people feel strongly on their opinion. There are other punishment options that are less extreme than death. Once the justice system is unbiased, I will trust it and its judgment. The chance for error is too great to risk a human life. Those who are against the death penalty believe that taking another's life for revenge is just as terrible as murdering someone in the first place." ~ Michelle Johnson



In front of the Christmas tree, sophomore Johnson lifts her dog, Cuco, in the air. Cuco was seven months old and fully grown. Cuco enjoyed playing all kinds of games with Johnson, and will attack a burglar with pleasure. photo by Woody Brenton



Playing video games, Johnson spends time with her sister Marla Johnson. Their favorite game was *CrashBandicoot*® for Playstation, which they received for Christmas. "*CrashBandicoot*® is a cool game that we have fun playing together," said Johnson. photo by Woody Brenton



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With papers in hand, Johnson files for her job at Graphic Design. Johnson said, "The reason I got this job was because of my sister. She had a job here and now I do also. It is very fun and the people here are nice." Her job consisted of filing anything from papers to catalogs. photo by Brenton



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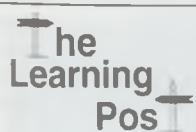
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RYAN

SCHOOL ATHLETICS ARE NOT AS INNOCENT AS THEY SEEM

"Athletics definitely run this school. The only thing the jocks talk about are sports and drugs, constantly. Most of the things that get any recognition around here are sports. Many parents think that getting their child involved in sports will keep them out of trouble, but the truth is that a lot of jocks are always doing drugs. And watch out children, for the dreaded herpes, that you can get from wrestling. I very much dislike sports ruling school." ~ Ryan Owens



Enjoying his weekend, sophomore Owens plays *Perfect Dark* on Nintendo 64. Owens liked playing video and computer games. "He's the bossman at *Diablo II*," said sophomore Tyler Sloan. "We play that game a lot." photo by Aaron Holmgren



With Brinkley, one of his two dogs, in his arms, Owens rolls around on the floor of his mother's house. Owens' parents divorced ten years ago and he went to live with his father, Rich Owens. His younger brother, Jeff Owens, went to live with their mother, Kim Letizia. photo by Holmgren

Sophomores, Mason- Rutherford



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Serving customers, Owens works at Burger King® on 86th Street. His manager, Lynne Zimmerman, believed Owens did a fine job, but has caught him causing problems. Zimmerman said, "I once found him in the first drive-up window, throwing condiments out the window." photo by Aaron Holmgren



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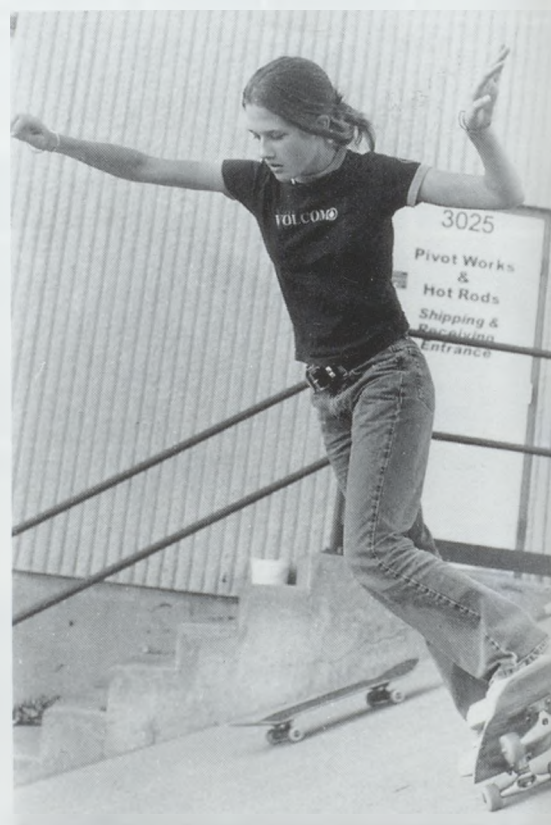
RACHEL

ASSISTING THE SICK AND EDERLY THROUGH THE END

"As people get older and their bodies deteriorate, euthanasia probably crosses their minds. Although it's illegal and misused, I think euthanasia can be a good thing for suffering people. I would allow euthanasia if they were begging on their knees and they were not suicidal. I would never want to participate in this though because the thought of killing someone else is not my idea of fun. Overall I think euthanasia is a good thing." ~ Rachel Vorm



While sophomore Rebecca Smith plays on her drums, sophomore Vorm strums the guitar belonging to Smith. Vorm and Smith are not in a band, they just played for fun some days because they were bored and thought it sounded like fun. photo by Jenna Stone



After dipping pretzels in white chocolate, Vorm and sophomore Kaylynn Williams decorate them with colored sprinkles. They were making them for William's ancient civilization class. They used the Christmas decorated pretzels for their winter party. photo by Jenna Stone



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Pivoting on a cement bank, Vorm is midway through her kick-turn. She rarely skated at Pivot Works and Hot Rods. Vorm has skated for three years. She skated with a variety of people which included sophomores Tyler Sloan and Josh Fredregill. photo by Cyrus Andrews



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"I'm not for premarital sex or against it, because you can still love someone without getting married to them. As long as you really love the person and you want to have sex with them, then do it. Don't have sex just because it's fun though. If you get married and have sex, you could still get divorced and it would be the same as just dating and loving them, then breaking up. As long as you love them do what you want." ~ Drew Armstrong



Hitting the puck back and forth, Armstrong and his older brother, senior Josh Armstrong, play a quick game of air hockey. They got the air hockey table as a Christmas present from their parents and played it when they got bored. photo by Danielle Collignon



Running through the halls, Armstrong and freshman Ryan Divis get their workout after school. Armstrong and his friends ran laps around the inside of the school when it was too cold outside. They ran before they lifted weights to keep themselves fit. photo by Danielle Collignon



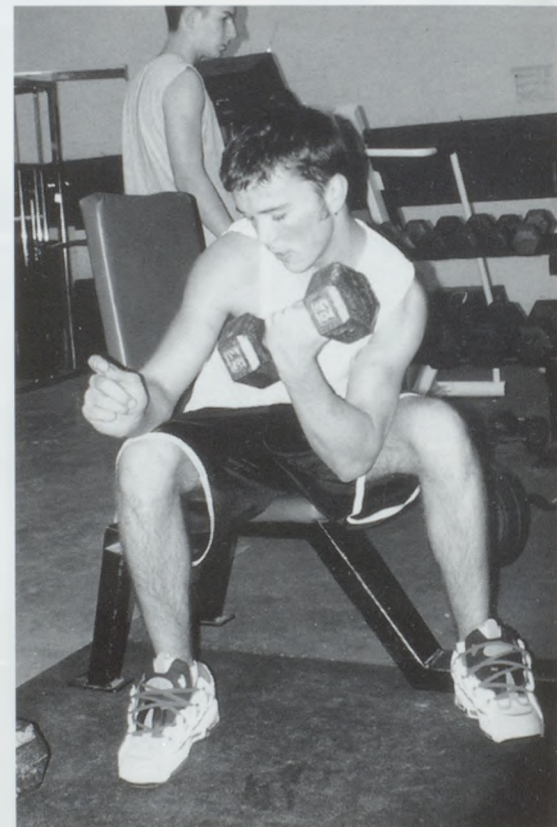
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Working out in the school weightroom, Armstrong does a set of curls. "(Freshman) Cory Shannon and I lift weights everyday after school. We do this so that we can stay in shape and get better prepared for the football season," said Armstrong. photo by Danielle Collignon



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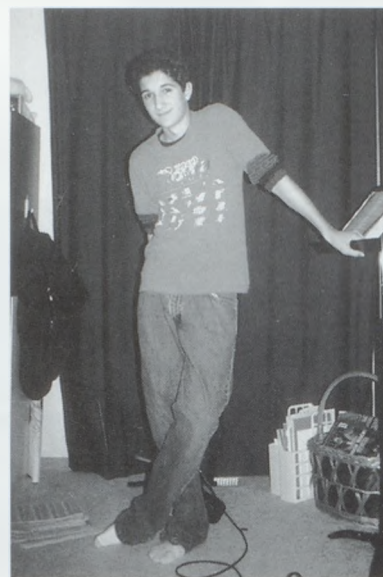
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YASHA

DEFYING THE ACTS OF RACISM WITHIN HIS LIMITS

"Humans are basically the only living things that deprive other's of their happiness, due to their difference in race, size, look, religion or intelligence. People treat different people as scapegoats for their own mistakes. Racism and prejudice are the hidden cause of war and conflicts. As Martin Luther King Jr. once said, "Now is the time to lift our nation from the quicksands of racial justice to the solid rock of brotherhood." ~Yasha Ghaffarzadeh



Receiving a kiss from his mother Sholeh, freshman Ghaffarzadeh celebrates his mother's 40th birthday. Ghaffarzadeh loves his mother because she really cares for him and she always gives him an allowance. photo provided by Sholeh Ghaffarzadeh



Watching the movie *Gladiator*, with friends, freshman Arash Mirian and Pranav Razdan, Ghaffarzadeh kicks back and relaxes. Ghaffarzadeh enjoyed watching movies with his friends. His favorite movie was *Gladiator*, because of all the history behind the movie. photo by Ashley Brown

Freshman, Cline- Haden



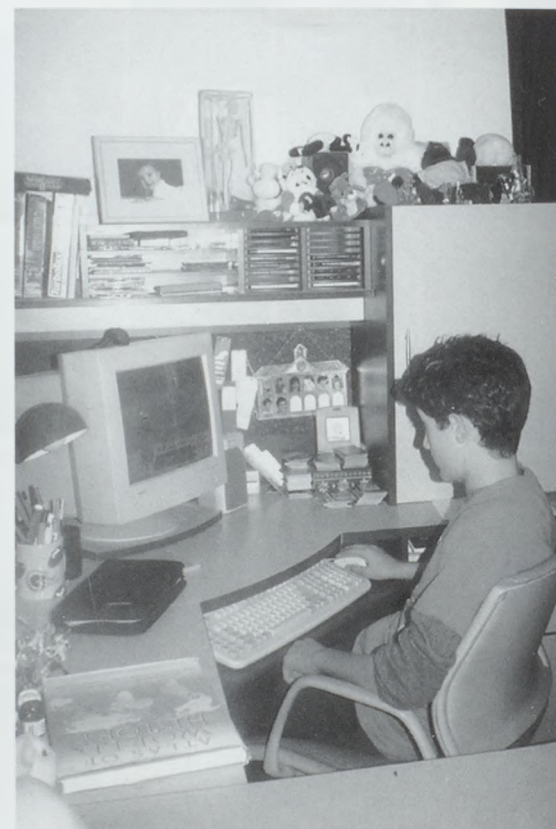
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Enjoying some free time, Ghaffarzadeh plays the computer game *Age of Empires 2*. "Age of Empires 2 is my favorite computer game, because it's a game of strategy. You build soldiers, and have them go through different stages of time," said Ghaffarzadeh. photo by Ashley E. Brown



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JESSICA

ATHLETIC ORGANIZATIONS RUN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

"In a way, I feel that sports rule at our school. The games and matches are the main events that take place at our school and they get the most spectators, although I think the extracurricular events are fun and something to do. Also, the so called "popular" people are usually in some type of sport or activity, such as football, cheerleading or basketball. These are mostly stereotypes of popular people, but are true in many cases." ~ Jessica Hill



Flaunting her dance moves, freshman Hill participates at a home football game. "The best part of being captain is the leadership and I also get to choreograph, which I love to do," said Hill. She was voted to be captain of the JV dance team. photo by Matt Putney.



Straddling her cousin's horse, named Shawn, Hill gets ready to ride. In the summer of 2001 Hill went to Wyoming to visit her cousin Mellisa Nunley and family. She also went to a concert with 3 Doorsdown, Tantrick and Lifehouse. photo provided by Jessica Hill



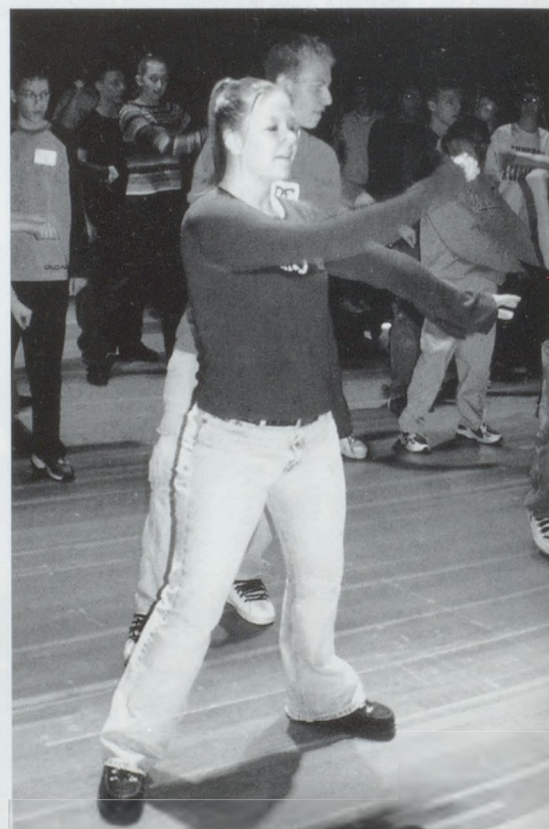
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Dancing around, Hill sways her arms to the beat during show choir. Here Hill was dancing with substitute partner, freshman Brock Brones. They danced to the song, "Rhythm of the Night." Hill's real partner for the song was Alex Grasso. photo by Dave Seibert



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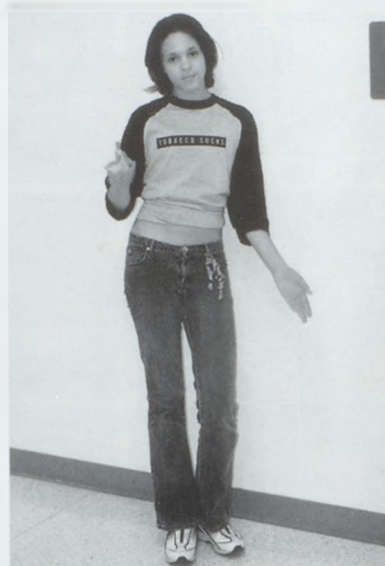
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SIERRA

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LIFE AND DEATH

"I think abortion is good up to some point in the pregnancy. There is a point (during pregnancy) that you're actually killing life and that is what I think is wrong. There are some circumstances that abortion is right and some when it is wrong. Some good reasons to get an abortion are if you are a drug user, if you have financial problems or if you're too young. A bad reason for an abortion is that you just don't want the baby." ~ Sierra Murphy



Freshman Murphy plays Grand Theft Auto with her brothers', sophomore Joseph Murphy, PlayStation. Last year Murphy got her PlayStation. Her favorite game was Grand Theft Auto and she played it all of the time. photo by Steph Cameron



Murphy and her friend, a freshman at Wauke, Sariah Media, look through teen magazines to add pictures to her collage. Murphy's collage consisted of pictures of Buffy. It covered a quarter of the wall in her room and Murphy added pictures to it every week. photo by Steph Cameron



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Looking out the drive-up window at Burger King®, Murphy waits for the next customer. Murphy worked at the Burger King on Merle Hay Road on the weekends. "I like to work there but I don't like the mustard colored uniforms," said Murphy. photo by Cameron

Freshmen, Larson- Powell





Ellen Larson
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Tyler Lawrence
Hudson Lewis
Tiffany Lewis
Lindsey Lockner
Leah Lundstrom-Yurdin

Nate Maple
Brian McCrea
Nick McKinley
Levi McNeese
Ashley Meek
Kyle Mentzer
Derek Merkler

Michael Mertz
Jeff Messerly
Bryan Messmaker
Nathan Metzler
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Jeff Munn
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Danielle Ogren
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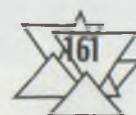
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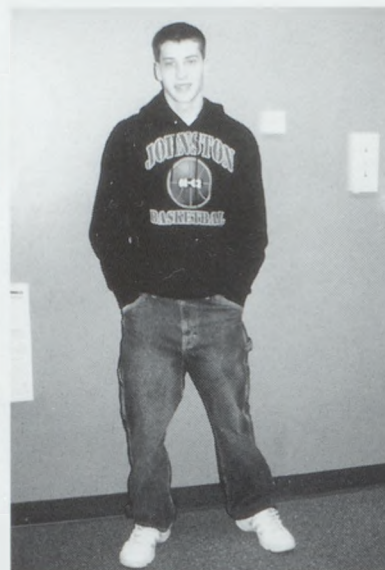
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JASON

PRAYER IN SCHOOL AFTER THE 9-11 ATTACKS

"After the attacks on the World Trade Towers our country was shaken. I was encouraged that our administration announced that there was a designated area in the school for students to pray. Many people, for the first time, saw the need to ask God for His help, because He can't be shaken. Our administration responded to our need. All schools should allow students the freedom to pray for those who desire to." ~ Jason Rude



Giving props for his team, freshman Rude plays *Catch Phrase*® with freshmen, Danielle Postel, Brittney Westercamp and Justin Steggerda. The two teams did not finish the game or keep score, they decided to play for fun. photo by Amy Dennis



Playing Nintendo® with a dislocated finger, Rude tries to beat freshman Emily Fey at *James Bond 007*. They played during her New Year's Eve Party. "She (Fey) had the advantage, I was better before my finger was hurt. It was hard to play in pain but I still won," said Rude. photo by Amy Dennis



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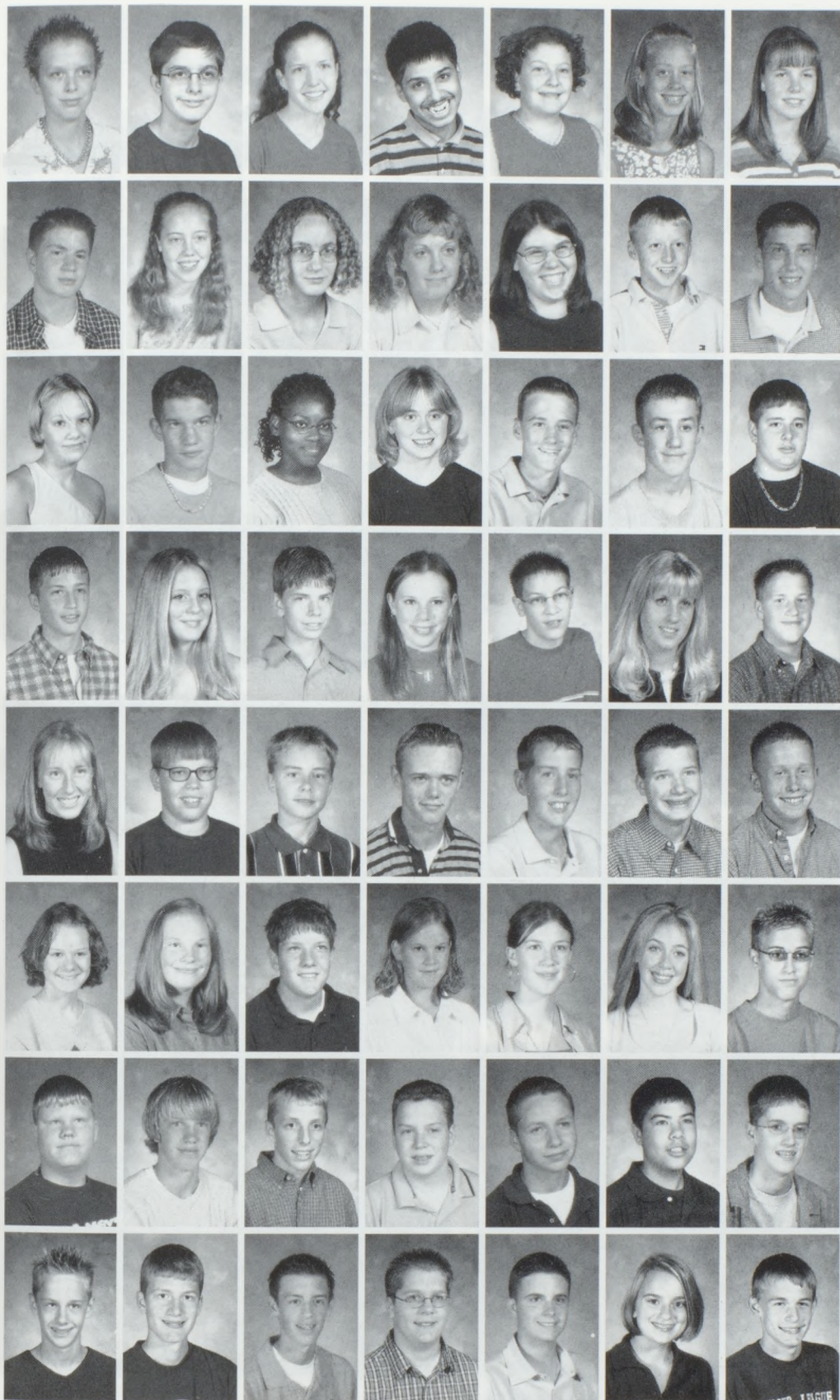
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Trying to pass around Jeremy Hellickson, a freshman from Hoover. Rude looks for an open teammate. Rude scored 19 points, rebounded 12 times and accumulated four fouls in that game. The freshmen team played Hoover on Dec. 17 and lost in a close game 50-53. photo by Matthew Putney



Jake Prine
Bradley Proehl
Ashley Raes
Pranav Razdan
Rachel Reed
Amanda Rhoads
Alicia Richards

John Rippel
Sarah Ritchie
Jennifer Rockwell
Beth Roese
Sadie Ronek
Kory Ross
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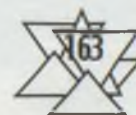
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FANNIE

USING THE DEATH PENALTY AS AN EASY WAY OUT

"I'm against the death penalty. I think that a life sentence would be better because it would give the criminal time to think on what they have done. I think that the criminal should have to suffer in jail, and the death penalty is like an easy way out. Just because someone committed a crime, doesn't mean they should die for it. I also feel that the death penalty is very hypocritical and two wrongs don't make a right." ~ Fannie Zhou



Eating dinner with her family, freshman Zhou discusses her day. Zhou was an only child and didn't have any pets. She moved to Johnson with her family in August 2001 from Saskatchewan, Canada, where she had lived since she was born. *photo by TAE*



Shaking hands with a stuffed Sponge Bob Square Pants.® Zhou and her friend, freshman Sarah Huckaby, shop in Claire's®. Zhou and her friends had an inside joke about Sponge Bob. Claire's® was Zhou's favorite store because they had the store in Canada also. *photo by Tara Ely*



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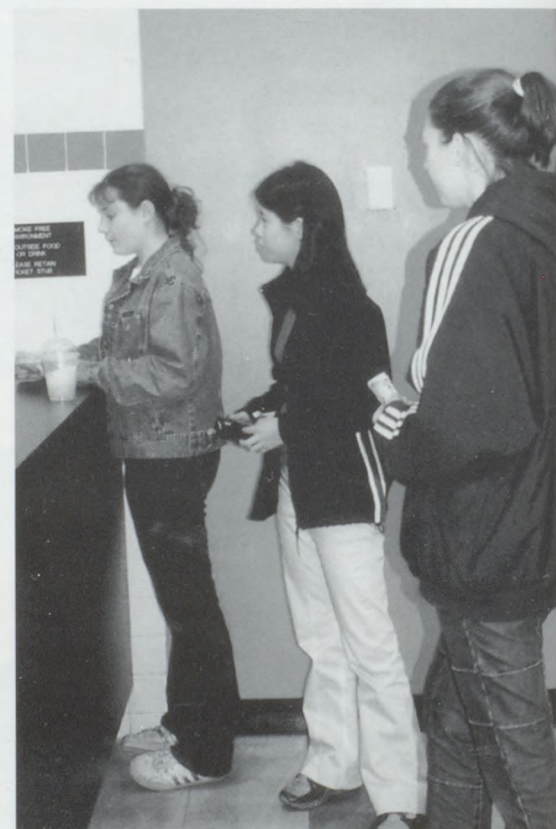


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Waiting in line at Silver Cinemas, Zhou prepares to pay for her ticket. Zhou and her friends went to see *Harry Potter*. Zhou said, "I've read all the books so I really wanted to see the movie to see how everything would look. It wasn't what I'd imagined it to be." *photo by Tara Ely*





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Travis West
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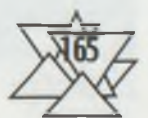
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AMY

EDUCATION IS THE KEY TO FIGHT TERROR IN AMERICA

"It is painful to recall the tragedy that overtook our nation September 11. I remember wondering 'what would happen next.' I rushed home to be with my son. I didn't know what would be in store for his future. I saw him and he was ready for anything that the day held. I realized that we too should not be frightened, but be in control of what should happen next by using education to learn of understanding, compassion and tolerance." ~ Amy Lane



In the process of refinishing her antique home, Lane scores the wallpaper. "We're decorating our house and making it colorful. It speaks for my personality," said Lane. Lane also collected abstract paintings. *photo by Michelle Mefford*



Spending time together, Lane and her baby boy, Kreyton, sit in their living room and play with a toy. Lane's husband Brian said, "My favorite thing about Amy is the love that she has and shows for her family." Most of Lane's time was spent caring for her baby. *photo by Michelle Mefford*



Taking their part in the holidays, Lane and husband Brian decorate the tree with ribbons and balls. The couple met at a softball game. They were on opposing teams and were introduced by a friend. They have been together for eight years. *photo by Michelle Marie Mefford*



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Arline Gunhus
Stacia Hawkins
Sheryl Hill
Julie Hukee
Penny Jess



Patrick Kearney
Jerry Kinder
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Amy Lane
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Darlene Lawyer
Julie Lettow



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Marilyn Middleton
Cheryl Miller
Paul Miller
Mary Moermond
Jean Moffitt
Lisa Msuya



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Deb Nicholson
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Laurie Olson
Krista Osterberg
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First Row: Kyle Wilkinson, Jin Hu and Emily Scholten
Second Row: Perry Iverson, Brian Harroldson, Andrew Czapla, Austin Fiala and Ryan Bruce

Academic Decathlon-

Andrew Czapla- 3rd Varsity Speech
Ryan Bruce- 1st Varsity Math, 3rd Varsity Literature
Jin Hu- 1st Honors Interview, 3rd Honors Math



First Row: Tim Martinson, Dan Rude and Kris Walters
Second Row: Dave Schnatala, Jeff Lynch, Brian Huff, Ben Meril, Aaron Meyer, Tyler Adams, Jonathan Doudna, Robbie Robison and Kris Campbell
Third Row: Michael Goellner, Jeremy Kuhlman, John Lewton, Cody Lewton, Chris Goode, Eric Butterwick, Nick Neil, Joe Hickson, Derek Haden and Travis Foster

Baseball- Final: 21-19



First Row: Megan Miller, Katie Hull, Katie McKinley, Kelsea Watkins, Martha Meiners, Chelsie Heetland and Jordan Seaberg
Second Row: Brecca Hoffman, Kara Dell, Sara Eckhart, Laura Oviatt, Jennifer Goellner, Lindsay Nelson, Marie Mock, Stephanie Craft, Bethany Langworth, Fannie Zhou and Kelli Zimmer
Third Row: Ryan Olson, Erin Sams, Meghan Atkinson, Jenna Sitzler, Jessica Wilson, Leah Lundstrom-Yuridin, Jennifer Bittner, Erica Geels, Sheena Wendel, Alex Kovacevich, Jessica Droogsma, Kaitlyn Summit, Jennifer Peterson, Amy Geels and Kristin Badgely
Fourth Row: Kathryn Amendt, Sarah Butitta, Caryn Albrecht, Jonathan Ceolla, Jenna Woody, Jay Reimann, Matthew Bole, Alex Grasso, Steven Walter, Nick McKinley, Megan Dean, Stephen Lauer, Megan Kempf and Nathan Miller
Fifth Row: Joseph Thuente, Matt Johnson, David Blume, Bryce Augustine, Greg Patten, Kyle Scott, Jon Burns, Michael Miller and Jeff Messerly
Sixth Row: Martin Schnackel, Chris Barks, Jay Warren, Alex Nelson, Jake Goedken, Zac Swoyer, Derek Deer, Robbie Evans and Eric Williamson

Band- Competitions: 3rd Place- Urbandale Marching Invitational



First Row: Jessica Wilson, Fifi Albathe, Aimee Kempf, Francesco Roggio, Brecca Hoffman and Jordan Seaberg
Second Row: Brendan Rutherford, Laura Vander Ploeg, Nathan Miller, David Blume, Nate Ritchie and Mike Pray
Third Row: Zac Swoyer, Jay Warren, Jake Goedken, Alex Nelson, Nathan Wylie, Grant Andersen, David Luepke and Derek Deer

Band- Jazz Band Competitions: - 2nd place Jack Oatts Jazz Festival - 1st place Hoover Jazz Festival



Academic Decathlon-Basketball



Basketball-
Freshman Boys
Final: 10-4

First Row: Erik Holt, Jonathan Palmer, Mitch Cline, Justin Steggerda, Cam Heverly, Michael Mertz, Brian McCrea, Jake Hukee, Mike Eittreim, Michael Miller, Jason Rude and Tyler Tannatt **Second Row:** Bryan Messmaker, Brenden Furrow, Jake Goedken, Carson Hughes, Alex Grasso, Adam Thilges, Jake Haden, Matthew Bole, Adam Hatch, Russ Wirskirchen, Cory Ross and Daniel Gillespi **Third Row:** Brad Johnson, Colin Seibert, Jeff Messerly, Cole Brackne, Bobby Trader, Jason Fry, Tom Danielson, Jake Pike and Dan Petrak



Basketball-
Sophomore Boys
Final: 12-6

First Row: Bryan Junge, Ryan Waltz, Stephen Cate, Adam Buster, Jim Heldt, Billy Koch, Curtis Fraylick and Nathan Pirie **Second Row:** Tom Avaux, Austin Gardiner, Derek Deer, Jason Sparland, Cody Phelps, Ben Jenkins, Kris Grimes and Seth McClellan **Third Row:** Chuck Terhune, Zach Moses and John Williams



Basketball-
Varsity Boys
Final: 8-15

First Row: Jeff Lynch, John Sparland, Robbie Robison, Eric Chancellor, Jonathan Doudna and Tyler Adams **Second Row:** Jimmy Binny, Dan Rude, Greg Wardlow, Kevin Bjork, Luke Bengston and Derek Retherford **Third Row:** Chris Meade, Milan Kuzmanov, Jason Ward, Justin Fenimore, Eric DeSplinter, D'Angelo Johnson and Jeff Simpson



Basketball-
Freshman Girls
Final:
A team 11-10
B team 7-9

First Row: Mallory Beck, Beth Rouse, Lisa Cowling, Hannah Miller and Molly Hanson **Second Row:** Keelie Fisher, Emily Fey and Megan Samson **Third Row:** Nicole Gibson, Emily Green, Alison Brown, Amanda Rhoades, Rick Brooks, Alyssa Mueller, Jessica Hoover, Annie Schunicht and Leah Lundstrom-Yurdin

First Row: Stephanie Robison, Tiffany Barz and Liz Swanson **Second Row:** Ryan Tometich, Abbie Toney, Stephanie Cameron, Monica Goedken and Andy Fein

Basketball- **Sophomore Girls** **Final: 18-3**



First Row: Emily Scholten, Emily Sinnwell, Missy Iwig, Chelcie Goedken, Lindsay Sleep, Amy Dennis and Elizabeth Guns **Second Row:** Ryan Tometich, Megan Schonhorst, Kellie Durand, Chelsea Hudson, Katie Reichling, Meredith Mertz and Lori Bjork **Third Row:** Rich Gradoville, Liz Swanson, Stephanie Cameron, Abbie Toney, Monica Goedken, Stephanie Robison, Tiffany Barz, Andy Fein and Beth Ward

Basketball- **Varsity Girls** **Final: 10-12** **Conf: 4th Place**



First Row: Jeff Therrien, Travis West, Chris Gass and Clint Saf-Robins **Second Row:** Grant Andersen, Casey Slater, Justin Olson, Jeff Munn, Greg Olson and Paul Peppmeier

Bowling- **Boys** **Varsity Final: 13-1** **State: 7th Place**



First Row: Jin Hu, Marissa Stetson, Tara Ely and Sarah Johnson **Second Row:** Julia Serbus, Lindsay Keast, Erin Turner, Jessica Turner, Tina Mark and Tera Verrant

Bowling- **Girls** **Varsity Final:** **3-6-1** **IV Final: 10-0**



Basketball-Cheerleading



**Cheerleading-
Freshman
Basketball**
Captain:
**Amanda Miller
and Kiley Waltz**

First Row: Natasha Kim and Brittany Westercamp **Second Row:** Megan Ware, Ashley Johnson, Kristen Carter and Amanda Miller **Third Row:** Amanda Cook, Karly Collyer, Brittney Kronick, Kiley Waltz, Mikaela Donaldson and Elizabeth Hilby



**Cheerleading-
Sophomore
Basketball**
Captain: Morgan
Leitner

First Row: Lacie Woods and Britt Ustrud **Second Row:** Ashley Weaver, Morgan Leitner and Caitie Digman



**Cheerleading-
Varsity
Basketball**
Captain: Ande
Skinner and
Lindesy
Townsend

First Row: Brianne Shaw and Ande Skinner **Second Row:** Leslie Ogren, Christy Ellis, Jonna White and Lindsay Townsend **Third Row:** Mallory Rives, Stephanie Bunting, Kendra Vestal, Sarah Carlson, Andrea Hoelsing and Amy Heverly



**Cheerleading-
Freshman
Football**
Captain:
Mikaela Donaldson

First Row: Kiley Waltz and Amanda Miller **Second Row:** Elizabeth Hilby, Natasha Kim and Amanda Cook **Third Row:** Ashley Meek, Mikaela Donaldson and Kristen Carter



**Cheerleading-
Sophomore
Football**
Captain: Lindsey
Gilbert

First Row: Allie Warner and Brianne Shaw **Second Row:** Donna Beery, Morgan Leitner and Mallory Rives **Third Row:** Rachel Broich, Stephanie Bunting and Lindsay Gilbert

First Row: Ashley Vanderpool, Leslie Rittierodt and Leslie Ogren **Second Row:** Kelsey Van Essen, Angela Smith, Lindsay Townsend, Amy Heverly, Ande Skinner and Stephanie Lamb **Third Row:** Hailey Cahill, Laura Stradley, Andrea Hoelsing, Kristin Hanson, Alicia Metcalf, Meredith Evans and Veronica Hanson

Cheerleading- Varsity Football Captains: Lindsey Townsend and Leslie Ogren



First Row: Alex Kovacevich, Caryn Albrecht and Emily Funk **Second Row:** Amy Ryan, Rachel Twinn and Jessica Droogsma

Cheerleading- JV Wrestling Captain: Caryn Albrecht



First Row: Cortney Seibert, Ashley Brown and Kathryn Amendt **Second Row:** Allison Mendrys, Jennifer Herrmann and Katie Gannon

Cheerleading- Varsity Wrestling Captain: Katie Gannon



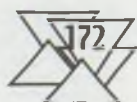
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Chorus- Freshmen Boys' Concert Dates: 10/18, 1/29 and 4/19



First Row: Kelli Zimmer, Dani Postel, Bekah Gibbs, Natasha Kim, Mikaela Donaldson, Amanda Miller, Kristen Carter, Fifi Albathe, Megen O'Toole, Kiley Waltz, Liz Hilby and Emily White **Second Row:** Lauren Coleman, Jenny Carl, Marin Viera, Allison Thomann, Brittney Kronick, Amanda Cook, Allison Dzubak, Sarah Buttita, Whitney Warne, Allison Husome, Ann Schunicht, Molly Hanson, Erin Sams and Justine Blanchard **Third Row:** Amie Wentland, Christa Beason, Jessica Wilson, Jill Haney, Ashley Oeltjenbruns, Stephanie Bittner, Keelie Fisher, Tiffany Lewis, Laura Vander Ploeg, Vanity Griffin, Stacie Bendixen, Sadie Ronek and Sarah Johnson **Fourth Row:** Rachel Reed, Hayley Hirst, Amber Phelps, Kristin Badgley, Sarah Huckaby, Emily Phelps, Alyssa Mueller, Ashley Raes, Megan Dean, Jessica Hill, Kelly Johnson, Wendy Xu, Lauren Wilson and Elizabeth Janes

Chorus- Freshmen Girls Concert Dates: 10/18, 1/29, and 4/19



Cheerleading-Cross Country



**Chorus-
Mixed**
Concert Dates:
**10/18, 1/29 and
4/19**

First Row: Courtney Douglas, Devon Leslie, Brianne Shaw, Lindsay Gilbert, Megan Kempf, Ryan Bole, Ryan Tometich, Britt Ustrud, Lindsey Wieland, Christy Ellis, Mallory Rives, Shelbi Haller and Becca Smith **Second Row:** Lacie Woods, Julie Luepke, Caryn Albrecht, Kandice Lipper, Anna Burford, Matthew Stange, Jeremiah Brown, Aaron Gray, Andrea Whitaker, Lindsay King, Katie Johnson and Amy Osborn **Third Row:** Jennifer Bittner, Aimee Kempf, Danielle

Beery, Tera Verrant, Elizabeth Dieseth, Charli Richter, David Chamberlin, Kristina Beswick, Tina Van Eickels and Heather Nordquist **Fourth Row:** Laura Copeland, Marie Mock, Billy Giusto and Justin Young



**Concert Choir-
Boys**
Madrigal Dinner:
December 12, 13
Concert Dates:
**10/18, 1/29 and
4/19**

First Row: Thomas Danielson, Steven Walter, Sean McAndrew, Andrew Stone, Scott Jennings, Tim Sanders, Mitch Cline, Nick Reed, Marc Cabrera and Nick Ciarimboli **Second Row:** Jim Heldt, Zaq Couture, Ryan Clarkson, Eric White, Shae Ary, Brian Johnson, Perry Iverson, Jon Ellis, Jon Evans, Ryan Waltz and Gabriel Carnes **Third Row:** Josh Fredregill, Woody Brenton, Martin Glendenning, Andrew Czapla, Josh Kingry, Zach Moses, Tom Aveaux, Brian Andrus, Derek Haden and Nick Beary **Fourth Row:** Grant Andersen, Andy Pilkington, Craig Buske, Mike

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**Concert Choir-
Girls**
Madrigal Dinner:
December 12, 13
Concert Dates:
**10/18, 1/29 and
4/19**

First Row: Genevieve Craggs, Brynea Thrasher, Leslie Rittierodt, Rachel Broich, Nichole Kirkhart, Veronica Hanson, Stephanie Smith, Rachel Mullen and Jonna White **Second Row:** Angela Smith, Beth Glendenning, Jennifer Ayres, Sarah Fey, Kathryn Amendt, Lauren Butterwick, Caroline Ashby and Emily Scholten **Third Row:** Sarah Carlson, Holly Ross, Amanda Hyde, Stephanie Bunting, Meryl Houser, Anjana Rao, Laura Von Bon, Jessica Flanigan and Allie Smith

Fourth Row: Andrea Konz, Libby Noteboom, Stephanie Lamb, Laura Mulholland, Rebekah Haag, Merideth Cronin, Mary Winzenburg, Erin Danielson and Mary Kuster



**Cross-Country-
Boys**
Final:
Johnston: 5 East: 4
Newton: 8 Districts: 6
Urbandale: 3 Conf: 3
Perry: 7
Norwalk: 9

First Row: Brandon Swett, Seth Van Roekel, Aaron Gray, Kevin Miao, Peter Christakos, Aaron Creger, Ryan Sandmann, Nick Reed, Cory Shannon and Ben Morrill **Second Row:** Jim Mahony, Adam Hsu, Steven Walter, Jordan Seaberg, David Fella, Mitch Cline, Nate Birru, Blake Hainline, Daniel Gillaspay, Kyle Silber and Joseph Thuente **Third Row:** Alex Hammer, Scott Walter, John Becvar, Adam Creger, Eric DeSplinter, Zac Swoyer, Andy Uchtyl, Adrian Loffler, Chris Meade, Jason Fry, Tyler Swett and Matthew Bole



**Cross-Country-
Girls**
Final:
Johnston: 1 Ankeny: 9
Urbandale: 2 Conf: 2
Ballard: 1 Districts: 3
Newton: 5 State: 18
Urbandale: 7
Norwalk: 1

First Row: Stephanie Robison, Christy Ellis, Julie Crow, Holly Ross, Danielle Beery, Amanda Freese and Bekah Gibbs **Second Row:** Tiffany Barz, Lori Bjork, Martha Meiners, Erin McGowan, Alexandra Keenan, Annie Shunicht and Dani Postel **Third Row:** Jessica Wilson, Leah Lundstrum-Yurdin, Stephanie Wilmore, Stephanie Bottoms, Janel Brown, Amber McCurn, Katie Hlavka, Tara Blutt and Craig Oldham

First Row: Jessica Flanigan, Christine Baker, Jana McConnell, Erika Anthony, Tyanne Ballard, Stephany Nielsen and Lauren Denison **Second Row:** Shawna Baker, Ashley DuBay, Whitney Lorence, Whitney Dominguez, Erika Stennes and Laura Mulholland

**Danz Team-
Competitions:**
*State-
Pom-11th
Jazz-8th*



First Row: David Fella, Kevin Hanigan, Sara Schnell, Jonathan Allen and Megan Kempf **Second Row:** Robin Ocdise, Jennifer Rockwell, Salome Toryem, Cory Goerd, Ashley Raes and Claire Schreurs

**Diversity
Committee-
Projects:**
*-Black history speaker
-Cornstock fundraiser*



First Row: Dexter Mitchell, Kory Ross, Niles Bailey, Evan Schultz, Steven King, Reid Baker and Mark Cluney **Second Row:** Matt Dominguez, Joshua Geneser, Bobby Trader, Levi McNeese, Nate Maple and Brenden Furrow **Third Row:** Chase Moffitt, Drew Armstrong, Carson Hughes, Jake Hukee, Alex Miller, Jeff Deets and Ryan Divis **Fourth Row:** Alex Nelson, Michael Mertz, Cory Shannon, Brian McCrea, Bobby Hernandez and Jay Warren **Fifth Row:** Jake Goedken, Jason Arment, Bryan Messmaker, Jacob Pike, Trevor Kruger, Ryan Steinkamp and Jacob Haden **Sixth Row:** Frank Baltzley, Tyler Lawrence, John Sachs, Yasha Ghaffarzadeh, Adam Eckhart, Brandon Schares and Coach Allison

**Football-
Freshmen
Final: 1-8**



First Row: Kris Mason, Tyler Gustafson, Mike Amick, Paul Peppmeier and Zach Moses **Second Row:** Randall Chamberlin, Nathan McGinnis, Matthew Fritz and AJ Kohles **Third Row:** Brandon Seyer, Kyle Foshe, Ben Jenkins, Ryan Waltz and Derek Retherford **Fourth Row:** Billy Giusto, Brandon Jones, Josh Kingry and Brian Andrus **Fifth Row:** Scott Jennings, Luke Bengston and Billy Koch **Sixth Row:** Brian Vaughn, Zach Christensen and Jeff Hawkins

**Football:
Sophomore
Final: 4-4**



Danz Team-Jr/Sr Board



Football- Varsity Final: 2-7

First Row: Grant Turner, Cory Bengston, JR Mundy, Brad Thompson and Jeff Lynch **Second Row:** Luke Hukee, Derek Haden, Jon Ellis, Kent Wisecup, Darrin Miedema, David Remer, Bryan Stocker, David Chamberlin and Eddie Minnis **Third Row:** Travis Foster, Ben Johns, Kyle Nielsen, Aaron Holmgren, Shae Ary, Nick Quick, Aaron Shields, Greg Tucker and Taylor Bryant **Fourth Row:** Matt Lunn, Ladd Blakely, Tyler Scott, John Henning, Ben Bjorholm, Ricky DeHammer, Jimmy Cate, Pat Ryerson and Martin Glendenning **Fifth Row:** Ryan Davis, Sean McAndrew, Kam Kielhorn, Jordan Huewe, Adam Meyer, Tyler Stanley, Nate Meston and Jason Jones **Sixth Row:** Eric Chancellor, Nick Miller, Jason Ward, Jon Evans, Stewart Nelson, Steve Luebke and Eric White **Seventh Row:** Ted Christensen, Greg Wardlow, J.P. Wohl, Tyler Cate, Andy Humphrey, James Rhoades, Dan Rude and Nick Durand **Eighth Row:** Jeff Hawkins, Zach Christensen, Wes Stover, Spence Evans, Gary Auxier, Brent Ksiazek and Brian Vaughn



Golf- Girls Final: 26 -31

First Row: Aubri Berndt, Abby DeWitt, Allison Mendrys, Christy Ellis and Katie Hull **Second Row:** Steve Smith, Elizabeth Janes, Kristina Beswick, Carissa Stotts, Monica Goedken, Liz Swanson, Shelbi Haller and Jason Kirkpatrick



Innovation Competitions: National Show Choir Cup- 3rd runner up

First Row: Tyler Cate, Kyle Sullivan, Francesco Roggio, Dan Siedenburgh, Nick Beary, Nate Ritchie and Derek Deer **Second Row:** Veronica Hanson, Andrew Stone, Jonna White, Jason Holland, Brynea Thrasher, Gabriel Carnes, Andrea Konz, Nick Reed and Leslie Rittierodt **Third Row:** Nick Ciarimboli, Angela Smith, Brian Johnson, Sarah Carlson, Craig Buske, Lindsay Ruisch, Marc Cabrera, Stephanie Lamb, Brandon Dean and Emily Scholten **Fourth Row:** Grant Andersen, Holly Ross, Ryan Waltz, Jessica Flanigan, Jon Ellis, Laura Von Bon, Mike Stange, Allie Smith, Shae Ary and Libby Noteboom **Fifth Row:** Brenton Brown, Jon Evans, Mary Winzenburg, Adam Frank, Rebekah Haag, Jeff Lynch, Erin Danielson, Steve Luebke, Mary Kuster, Perry Iverson and Jim Larrabee



Jr/Sr Board Events: -Class Day -Senior Breakfast

First Row: Mary Kuster, Grant Turner, Erin McGowan, Mary Winzenburg and Eric Butterwick **Not Pictured:** David Muecke, Christy Ellis and Sarah Whitten

First Row: Scott Walter and Katie Hlavka **Second Row:** Brian Haroldson, Kyle Wilkinson, Jin Hu, Katie Hull and Katie Carter **Third Row:** Perry Iverson, Tim Hilby, Justin Hazebrook, Austin Fiala and Nick Beary

Knowledge Bowl

Awards:
- Top 24 teams at state



First Row: Nick Beary, Whitney Armstrong, Holly Ross, Kayla Casey, Julie Crow and Megan McCravy **Second Row:** Emily Scholten, Brian Haroldson, Katie Carter, Craig Buske, Ann Schwartz, Jason Stoecker and Sara Embrey **Third Row:** Angie Jones, Anna Burford, Nina Lu, Laura Copeland, Allison Husome, Jordan Seaberg, David Blume and Ashley Oeltjenbruns

Mock Trial

Awards:
-Team 1, 3rd at state
-Team 2, top 31 at state



First Row: Erin Smith, Kate Slusark, Katie Hlavka, Brecca Hoffman, Emily Bibler and Lindsay Keast **Second Row:** Morgan Leitner, Haley Findley, Mallory Beck, Kristen Carter, Alicia Metcalf and Jake Hukee **Third Row:** Kayla Flanigan, Rachel Mullen, Matt Campbell, Meredith Coakley, Sam Ites and Abbie Toney **Fourth Row:** J.P. Wohl, Saeed Tohki, Emily Bednar, Laura Gwinn, Matthew Putney and Sarah Hobbs **Fifth Row:** Rina Streng, Eric Butterwick, Sarah Huffman and Natalie Baltzley

Newspaper-Events:

-Best of Show
9th Place
Nationally



First Row: Mike Stange and Ande Skinner **Second Row:** Elizabeth Rottenberg, Sarah Carlson, Marc Cabrera, Amanda Freese, Jodi Deal, Kelsea Watkins and Laura Skinner **Third Row:** Peter Christakos, Jennifer Morris, Rachel Mullen, Erin Smith and Stephanie Lamb **Fourth Row:** Salome Toryem, Danielle Katch, Jenna Stone, Lora Knapp, Holly Ross and David Muecke **Fifth Row:** Suzy Mossman, Sarah Porter, Jessica Flanigan, Jennifer Herrmann, Katie Reichling, Allison Mendrys, Alexis Kucera, Christy Ellis and Erin McGowan

SAIL-Events:

-Leadership Camp
-Service Project



Knowledge Bowl-Soccer



Soccer-
JJV Boys
Final: 10-2

First Row: Austin Gardiner, Ryan Divis, Matt Sandmann, Brock Brones, Ryan Steinkamp and Collin Siberz **Second Row:** Adam Buster, Hongdi Bai, Kyle Foshe, Cam Heverly, Jake Pike, Billy Koch and Coach Allison



Soccer-
JV Boys
Final: 9-3

First Row: Nathan Pirie, Milan Kuzmanov, Justin Cook, Jake Haden, Mike Mertz and Kris Grimes **Second Row:** Russ Fortune, Steven King, John Rippel, Chris Pope, Tyler Stanley, David Muecke, Adam Creger, Matt Dominguez, Niles Bailey and Cory Shannon



Soccer-
Varsity Boys
Final: 12-5

First Row: Luke Hukee, Adam Creger, Ryan Waltz, Blake Siberz, Jason Sparland, Emad Jaskic, Matt Walters, Shane Wilson and Grant Turner **Second Row:** Matt Todd, Reid Baker, Ben Langwith, Nate Wall, Eric Butterwick, Ryan Sandmann, Matt Lunn, Kevin Kading, David Muecke, Justin Cook, Justin Steggerda, Brian Johnson, John Ripple, Nick Reed and Russ Wirskirchen



Soccer-
JJV Girls
Final: 15-3

First Row: Audrey Tucker, Toni Chrisman, Whitney Lorence and Stephanie Bottoms **Second Row:** Savannah Holder, Jane Slusark, Morgan Leitner, Kristen Schroeder and Kelli Mabe **Third Row:** Caitie Digman, Stephanie Wilmore, Abbie Toney, Doug Cline, Kaylynn Williams, Kayla Flanigan, Jenna Woody and Tiffany Barz



Soccer-
JV Girls
Final: 12-4

First Row: Ana Campos, Nichole Kirkhart, Rachel Mullen, Leslie Rittierodt and Alicia Mireles **Second Row:** Caroline Ashby, Katie Hlavka, Sarah Vannausdle, Sarah Porter, Ashley DuBay and Alana Brown **Third Row:** Felisa Hansen, Stephanie Cameron, Allie Smith, Alex Kovacevich, Jessica Helps, Courtney Frank and Alicia Rolison

First Row: Jamie Lamberti, Amy Barth, Kristin Foshe and Jamie Whitaker **Second Row:** Janel Brown, Brittany Parker, Megan Schonhorst, Tarah Schultz and Lindsay Ruisch **Third Row:** Heather Clarkson, Amber Gilotti, Emily Scholten, Erin McGowan, Debbie Anderson, Tera Verrant and Ashley Parker

Soccer- Varsity Girls Final: 7-2-3



First Row: Morgan Leitner, Dawn Brugioni, Rachel Thomas, Steffanie Smith, Liz Swanson, Kortni Stocker and Lacie Woods **Second Row:** Alli Pike, Andrea Kraft, Kendall Schuck, Stephanie Wilmore, Courtney Frank, Kayla Flanigan, Amy Osborn, Shannon Huffman, Ashleigh Freese and Beth Ward

Softball- Freshman Final: 20-11



First Row: Rachelle Larson, Elizabeth Rottenberg and Bekah Gibbs **Second Row:** Jessi Hall, Becca Smith and Danielle Collignon **Third Row:** Stephany Nielsen, Davin Boesiger, Julia Serbus, Marissa Stetson, Jenny Reimann and Mindy Schoop

Softball- JV Final: 14-5



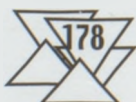
First Row: Kat Kellog and Sara Embrey **Second Row:** Marissa Stetson, Katie Reichling, Mary Kuster and Julia Serbus **Third Row:** Bekah Morris, Lindsay Sleep, Jenny Reimann, Ashley Kilby, Davin Boesiger, Sara Bjornson and Valerie Lewis

Softball- Varsity Final: 23-29



First Row: Lacie Woods, Jessica Wheeler, Greg Patten, Brittany Westercamp, Michael Carnes, Allison Thomann, Kevin Herink, Ashley Meek, Brenden Furrow, Natasha Kim, Jordan Seaberg, Erin Sams and Kelli Zimmer **Second Row:** Genevieve Craggs, Joel Schreiber, Ann Schwartz, Colin Seibert, Allison Dzubak, Colby Taylor, Elizabeth Dieseth, Matthew Stange, Kiley Waltz, Nate Maple, Mikaela Donaldson, Molly Hanson, John Jacobsen and Ashley Oeltjenbruns **Third Row:** Mike Eittreim, Sarah Butitta, Jacob Haden, Keelie Fisher, Alex Grasso, Megan Dean, Matthew Bole, Whitney Warne, Michael Mertz, Lauren Butterwick, Amy Osborn, Billy Giusto, Megan Kempf and Ryan DeHamer **Fourth Row:** Meredith Cronin, Russ Wirskirchen, Jessica Hill, Antonio Festini, Amy Clausen, Joe Schmidt, Laura Copeland, Peter Langston, Jr., Alyssa Mueller, Zac Swoyer, Wendy Xu, Brock Brones, Ashley Raes, Alex Hammer and Caryn Albrecht

Sound Advice Competitions: Urbandale-2nd Place SE Polk- 2nd Place Cedar Rapids-2nd Place



Soccer-Tennis



Student Council-Events:

- Senior Picnic
- Wall of Fame
- Homecoming Dance

First Row: Alex Hammer, Leslie Rittierodt, Holly Ross, Christy Ellis and Luke Hukee **Second Row:** Zac Swoyer, Ben Morrill, Salome Toryem, Mary Winzenburg, Stacey Johnson, Katie Johnson and Laura Mullholland **Third Row:** David Muecke, Aaron Holmgren, Elizabeth Guns, Mary Kuster, Anjana Rao and Katie Hlavka



Swimming-Boys'

Final: 23rd at state

First Row: Sam Killion, John Broek, Parker Watson, Colby Judd and Eric Bentzinger **Second Row:** Phil Wong, Jon Ellis, Tyler Weisz, Tyrone Choi, Kyle Mandsager and Kyle Weaver **Third Row:** Tyler Swett, Tim Sanders, Ben Langwith, Dave Hughes, Cliff Mounsier and Kyle Landsberger **Fourth Row:** Brandon Swett, Cory Weaver, Roy Choi, Danny Howell, Cory Neal, Kevin Hanigan, Devin Neal, Scott Walter and Jason Galvin



Swimming-Girls'

Final: 3-4

First Row: Sara Broek, Ashley Symonds, Sanoma Atchison, Heather Cross, Michelle Coochman, Lindsey Lee and Elizabeth Wong **Second Row:** Rachel Hokschi, Allison Mackey, Gwinn Meyer, Katie Schwitzer, Katie Richman, Maleri Howard, Jackie Creveling and Melissa Gulling **Third Row:** Erin Danielson, Chelsea Lehman, Emily Cameron and Emily Fey



Synergy Competitions:

Mt. Pleasant-3rd Place
Davenport-3rd Place
Cedar Rapids-2nd Place
Urbandale-2nd Place

First Row: Ann Schunicht, Nick McKinley, Caroline Ashby, Josh Fredregill, Steffy Smith, Jamie Marquart and Ryan Clarkson **Second Row:** Brenton Brown, Lindsay Gilbert, Justin Steggerda, Rachel Broich, Jeremiah Brown, Kathryn Amendt, Jim Heldt, Christy Ellis, Steven Walter, Nichole Kirkhart and Jim Larrabee **Third Row:** Becca Smith, David Chamberlin, Mallory Rives, Mitch Cline, Jenny Ayres, Eric White, Shelbi Haller and Andy Pilkington **Fourth Row:** Stephanie Bunting, Tom Danielson, Anna Burford, Zaq Couture, Heather Nordquist, Josh Kingry, Andrea Whitaker, Zach Moses, Bethany Glendenning and Scott Jennings **Fifth Row:** Meryl Houser, Tyler Biggs, Amanda Hyde, Tom Avaux, Kristina Beswick, Austin Fiala, Laura Mullholland, Jason Sparland and Lindsey King



Tennis-Boys'

Final: 9-3
State qualifiers
Ramsey Midkiff and Jon Sparland

First Row: Jason Van Gundy, Ryan Midtlyng, John Sparland, Jonathan Doudna, Adam Krultz, Jim Heldt and Ian Tayner **Second Row:** Marc Cabrera, Ramsey Midkiff, Kris Walters, Billy Giusto, Josh Hansen and Austin Fiala **Third Row:** Tim Sanders, Alex Grasso, Scott Jennings and Jay Messerly **Fourth Row:** Chris Verlengia, Hudson Lewis, Curtis Fraylick, Zach Nelson and Tyler Weisz

First Row: Jackie Swanepoel, Sarah Carlson, Allison Husome, Allison Dzubak, Jessica Flanigan, Cyndi Roth, Veronica Hanson and Alexis Kucera

Second Row: Lora Knapp, Jessica Droogsma, Megan Skinner, Ellen Larson, Erin Turner, Ashley Sanford and Melissa Larson
Third Row: Anjana Rao, Sheena Wendel, Lauren Turner, Annie Schwartz, Wendy Xu, Lauren Wilson, Jenna Woody, Katie Crull, Stephanie Nyquist and Michelle Mefferd

Fourth Row: Dennis Kain, Ande Skinner, Rina Streng, Jodi Deal, Cortney Seibert, Tera Verrant, Mary Winzenburg, Elizabeth Guns, Allie Smith, Melissa Hannon, Mary Kuster, Megan Miller, Annie Marcusson, Nina Lu, Jenny Luse, Sara Schnell, Ashley Weaver, Emma Stone, Tara Ely and Deb Nicholson

Tennis-Girls'
Final: 3-7
Conference 0-5
Johnston Invite 2nd
Knoxville Invite 2nd



First Row: Tina VanEickels, Megan O'Donnell, Molly Ehm, Jessica Madole and Whitney Armstrong
Second Row: Rick Dawson, Sam Ites, Tim Rhoads, Ryan Bruce and Nichole LeBrun

Theater-Performance
Dates: 4/4-4/5



First Row: Aaron Gray, Michael Goellner, James Burnley, Justin Birru and Sam Wang
Second Row: Arash Mirian, David Fella, Ryan Bole, Ben Bjorholm, Jon Evans, Justin Young, Mike Amick, Peter Christakos, Tyler Scott and Kevin Hanigan

Third Row: Phil Wong, Jimmy Cate, David Chamberlin, Jason Ward, Brandon Swett, Ben Morrill, Tyler Lorence, Lan Huang and Jason Fry
Fourth Row: Jason Arment, Carson Hughes, Daniel Gillaspay, Jake Hukee, Kory Ross, John Palmer, Tyler Swett, Derek Deer and Joe Thuente

Fifth Row: Stewart Nelson, Derek Retherford, John Warner, Eric Holt and Jordan Seaberg

Track-Boys' Final:

Fort Dodge 6th - Urbandale 5th
 Roosevelt 4th - Valley 7th
 Johnston 3rd - Carlisle 2nd
 Urbandale 5th - Conf. 5th
 Marshalltown 7th



First Row: Holly Ross, Stephanie Robison, Chelsea Hudson, Lindsey Way, Kristin Schroeder and Stacy Johnson
Second Row: Ali Keenan, Christa Beason, Julie Crow, Amanda Hyde, Meryl Houser, Danielle Katch, Danielle Beery, Amanda Freese, Tara Blutt, Allison Thomann, Megan Ware and Sarah Embrey

Third Row: Craig Oldham, Liz Hilby, Nicole Gibson, Dani Postel, Charli Richter, Jennifer Peirce, Amanda Rhoads, Rick Rynning, Abbie Toney, Alison Brown, Megan Samson, Erin Newbury, Hannah Miller, Jenny Carl, David Beason and Joanna Jarnagin

Track-Girls' Final:

Waukee 4th - Ballard 3rd
 Johnston 2nd - Marshalltown 6th
 Carlisle 1st - Grinnell 1st
 Bondurant 3rd - CIML 6th
 Waukee 2nd - Districts 7th



First Row: Lindsey Perry, Molly Ver Mulm, Mindy Schoop, Becca Paskowitz, Allison Husome, Megan Samson and Stephanie Bunting
Second Row: Jessica Hoover, Sadie Ronek, Alyssa Mueller, Keelie Fischer, Lauren Butterwick, Alicia Richards and Heather Chance
Third Row: Sarah Gibson, Sarah Embrey, Stephanie Nyquist, Erin Newbury, Beth Roese, Sarah Johnson, Ellen Larson, Megan O'Toole, Erin Sams, Jenny Schmidt and Coach Angie

Volleyball-Freshmen Final: 14-25





Volleyball- Sophomore

Final: 20-9-3

First Row: Kayla Flanigan, Sara Schnell, Kortni Stocker, Brenna Smith, Ashley Kilby, Stephanie Cameron, Andrea Whitaker and Shannon Huffman **Second Row:** Kaylynn Williams, Joanna Jarnigan, Amy Clausen, Monica Goedken, Abbie Toney, Liz Swanson, Lindsay Keast and Amy Osborn **Third Row:** Deb Nicholson and Coach MacInroe



Volleyball- JV

Final: 14-8-1

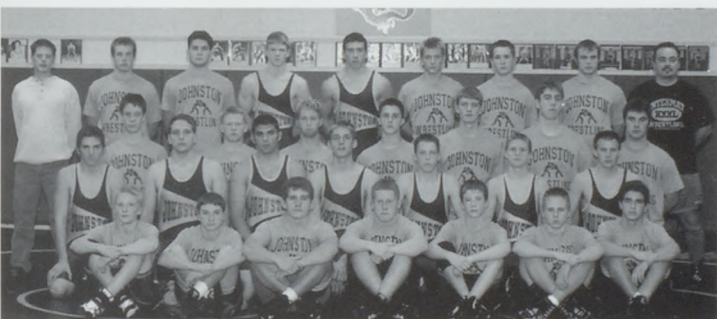
First Row: Katy Green, Stephany Nielsen, JoAnn Van Vleet, Jenna Stone, Allison Mendrys, Megan Schonhorst and Cortney Seibert **Second Row:** Kristina Beswick, Meredith Mertz, Katie Hull, Grace Schoper, Megan Ward, Sarah Porter, Kayla Casey and Shelbi Haller **Third Row:** Rick Brooks and Beth Ward



Volleyball- Varsity

Final: 18-11-2

First Row: Lindsay Sleep, Lindsay Ruisch, Lacey Seyer, Carrie Minton, Stacy Johnson, Lindsey Way, Bekah Morris and Ryan Tometich **Second Row:** Nikki DeSplinter, Katie Reichling, Kristin Chaney, Chelcie Goedken, Katie Johnson, Abbie Toney, Mary Kuster, Beth Ward and Rick Brooks



Wrestling

Final: 4-32
**State Qualifiers-
Grant Turner, JR
Mundy, Cory
Bengston and
Blake Hainline**

First Row: Jeremiah Brown, Trevor Krueger, Jason Arment, Cory Shannon, Nick Bussanmus, Dustin Fergesen and Matt Dominguez **Second Row:** Tyler Gustafson, JR Mundy, Cory Bengston, Nate Swoyer, Seth Van Roekel, Blake Hainline and James Rhoades **Third Row:** Josh Kingry, Nate Maple, Brian Johnson, Scott Jennings, Zac Swoyer, John Warner and Joshua Geneser **Fourth Row:** Brian Reese, Randall Chamberlin, Shae Ary, Jason McKeever, Grant Turner, Nick Reed, Mike Dougherty, David Chamberlin and Patrick Honkomp



Yearbook Awards: Sixth Place Best in Show Nationally

First Row: Marissa Stetson, Nicole King, Emma Stone, Matthew Putney and Stephanie Cameron **Second Row:** Audrey Stone, Julia Serbus, Rachel Vorm, Alana Brown, Jenna Stone, Dave Seibert and Woody Brenton **Third Row:** Sheena Wendel, Jennifer Herrmann, Grace Schoper, Michelle Mefferd, Danielle Collignon and Aaron Holmgren

Ads/ Reference

Can't read? Page to the booster section and call the American Reading Academy. Doubting your parents' love? Look at the senior ads and get reminded. Or are you more of a mirror type, a bit of a narcissist? Look your name up in the index and flip to see your face.



Examining a customer's receipt, sophomore Jenna Woody gives hours of her life to Dahl's. In return, Dahl's gave Woody money. Woody had been working at Dahl's for 10 months. *photo by Cyrus*

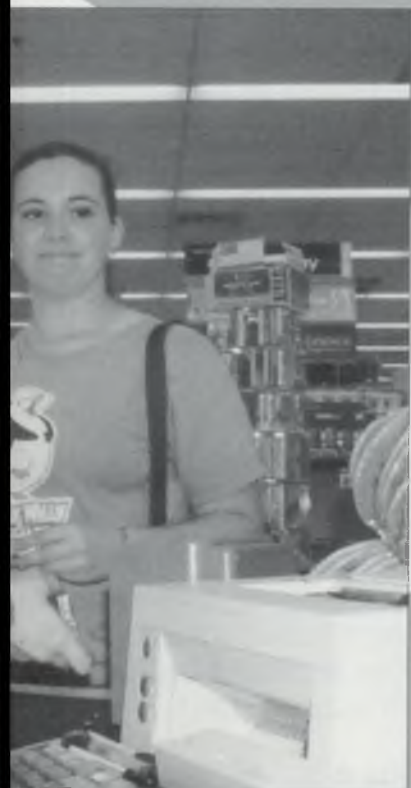


Money makes the world go 'round; it makes junior Kyle Nielson load a box onto a customer's truck-bed; and money makes this yearbook's existence possible. Turn to page 184 to see the boosters (each gave \$30.00) and please patronize those businesses listed. *photo by Cyrus Andrews*

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Walking away from an exhausting day of work, sophomores Eric Wicker and Andy Pilkington loosen their garments and get comfortable. The pair worked at the Wynnsong Cinemas, often until midnight. *photo by Aaron Holmgren*



Freshman Allison Husome readies her money, checks the total and buys a videocassette from a worker at Walgreens. Husome needed the cassette in order to film a project for her physical science class. *photo by Cyrus Andrews*



Chillin' in her leopard-print swimsuit, sunglasses and pool, a young Meghann Johnson lazes away her summer day. Many such photographs came out of seniors' memory boxes and into this yearbook. Most are located in the senior ads. Turn to page 186 and take a stroll down memory lane. *photo provided by Meghann Johnson*

Boosters

**A Cutting Edge Hair Salon
& Massage**

2600 Beaver Ave.
Des Moines, IA 50310
(515)279-4464

ABC Children's Store, Inc.

5500 Merle Hay Rd.
Johnston, IA 50131
(515)331-8995

Air Time Inc.

8052 Douglas Ave.
Urbandale, IA
50322
(515)331-1118

**American Reading
Academy**

(515) 278-5484

ANE Technology Services

5515 NW 88th
Johnston, IA 50131
(515) 331-1715

AP/M Permaform

P.O. Box 555
Johnston, IA 50131
(515) 276-9610

Basket Boutique

7611 Douglas Ave. #25
Urbandale, IA 50322
(515) 276-0437

Benson Buick

9631 Hickman Rd.
Urbandale, IA 50322
(515) 276-6600

Betts Cadillac/ Lexus

2121 NW 100th St.
Clive, IA 50325
(515) 253-9600

C&L Delivery

5003 70th St.
Urbandale, IA 50322
(515) 210-4286

Carol's Corner

9755 University Ave.
Clive, IA 50325
(515) 327-7038

Casey's General Store

6110 Merle Hay Rd.
Johnston, IA 50131
(515) 270-9985

Cassady & Co. Salon Spa

3230 100th St.
Urbandale, IA 50322
(515) 252-8825

Charles Gabus Ford

4545 Merle Hay Rd.
Des Moines, IA 50310
(515) 270-0707

Created in Johnston

6330 Merle Hay Rd.
Johnston, IA 50131
(515) 253-9107

Coffee Co.

6110 NW 86th St.
Suite A 102
Johnston, IA 50131
(515) 334-9815

Dairy Queen

Merle Hay Rd.
Johnston, IA 50131
(515) 278-5904

**Diamond Industrial Tool &
Fastener, L.C.**

1415 2nd Ave.
Des Moines, IA 50314
(515) 244-1516

**Eastside Chiropractic
Clinic**

2821 Hubbel Ave.
Des Moines, IA 50317
(515)263-1313

Ely Construction

5356 NW 72nd St.
Johnston, IA 50131
(515) 278-1819

Finer Things LLC/ Janet Manning Interiors

3950 NW Urbandale Dr.
Urbandale, IA 50322
(515) 270-6767

Five Star Insurance

8980 Hickman Rd.
Clive, IA
(515) 278-9176

Four Corner's Feed

5919 NW 62nd Ave.
Johnston, IA 50131
(515) 226-3151

Frank Stout Insurance, Inc.

6521 Merle Hay Rd.
Johnston, IA 50131
(515) 276-0914

Friedrich's Coffee

86th St.
Urbandale, IA 50322
(515) 727-4344

Gene & Joyce Lavender

2811 W 4th St.
Russellville, AK
(515) 968-7730

Geya's Tailors

6827 Douglas Av.
Urbandale, IA 50322
(515) 276-1833

Glass & Son's Electric Inc.

4605 NW 53rd Ct.
Des Moines, IA 50310
(515) 276-0318

Graham Bodyshop

5913 Meredith Dr.
Urbandale, IA 50322
(515) 278-1243

Hwang Corp/ Dragon House

10912 Douglas Ave.
Urbandale, IA 50322
(515) 270-9619

Inspiration Bookstore, L.C.

Clocktower Square 2900
University Ave.
West Des Moines, IA
50266
(515) 273-5254

Jerry Hoffman's Auction Outlet

(515) 283-2709

John J. Stone Business Consultant

5258 Meredith Dr.
Des Moines, IA 50310
(515) 770-2467

Johnston Barber Shop

6180 Merle Hay Rd.
Johnston, IA 50131
(515) 276-9884

Linda's Hallmark

8645 Douglas Ave.
Des Moines, IA 50310
(515) 276-4900

Pam Cooper Mary Kay Cosmetics

(515) 277-2052

Piney Ridge Greenhouse

6355 51st St.
Johnston, IA 50131
(515) 276-9577

Plaza Florist & Gifts

6656 Douglas Ave.
Urbandale, IA 50322
(515) 276-4951

Pete Peterson

5133 70th St.
Urbandale, IA 50322
(515) 270-2279

Quizno's

5460 Merle Hay Rd.
Johnston, IA 50131
(515) 727-4883

Rene's Greenhouse

9401 NW 70th Ave.
Johnston, IA 50131
(515) 986-3716

Russ' Uptown Optical

4122 University Ave.
Des Moines, IA 50311
(515) 279-3189

Ruth BrauerHair Stylist

3840 100th St.
Urbandale, IA 50322
(515) 276-0617

Salon Seven-O

3411 70th St.
Urbandale, IA 50322
(515) 251-7225

Sherwin Williams

5408 Douglas Ave.
Des Moines, IA 50310
(515) 278-0481

Stars Arcade

4100 Merle Hay Rd.
Des Moines, IA 50310
(515) 334-5388

Stoney Creek Inn

5291 Stoney Creek Ct.
Johnston, IA 50131
(515) 334-9000

Subway 141

NW 54th Ave.
Grimes, IA 50111
(515) 986-9472

Sullivan Family Pet Hospital

5985 NW 62nd Ave.
Johnston, IA 50131
(515) 276-4085

Super Lube

5358 Merle Hay Rd.
Johnston, IA 50131
(515) 276-8011

Tim Lowe Family Dentistry DDS

2651 Beaver Ave.
Des Moines, IA 50310
(515) 277-6657

United Contractors

6678 NW 62nd Ave.
Johnston, IA 50131
(515) 276-6162

United Truck & Body Co. Inc.

4554 Delaware Ave.
Des Moines, IA 50313
(515) 264-8000

Valley West Mall

1551 Valley West Dr.
West Des Moines, IA
50266
(515) 225-3631

Van Ginkel's Athletic Mfg. Co.

2280 Ingersoll Ave.
West Des Moines,
IA 50266
(515) 244-7718

Vision Clinic, P.C.

2628 Beaver Ave.
Des Moines, IA 50310
(515) 274-4141

Wells Fargo

5880 Merle Hay Rd.
PO Box 157
Johnston, IA 50131
(515) 237-5388



Our little "Popcorn"
has grown to be a
beautiful young lady.
We have cherished

your growing up years and will look forward to
how God will lead you in years to come.

We love you,
Mom, Dad, Todd, Tara, Taylor and Tommy

▲ Erika Lynne Anthony ▲



To Mom's "Love" and Dad's "Princess,"
Watching you grow into a beautiful
woman has left us breathless. The years
have passed so quickly. Hopefully, we
have prepared you to go into the
world to make your own place.

You know your dreams.... Capture
them and along the way--we hope you
dance.

Don't ever forget all the childhood
friends who touched your life. Those

memories will become ever more precious to you as you grow
older.

Wherever life leads you, we wish you all the joy and happiness that
you have given us.

You have made us very proud.

Congratulations, Tyanne!

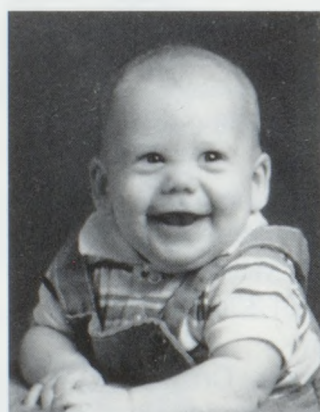
May all of your dreams come true!

We love you beyond words,

Mom and Dad

▲ Tyanne Ballard ▲

▼ James Burnley ▼



James,
Congratulations on all your accomplishments.
Your life has touched and blessed many with your
talents and caring ways. Thanks for bringing us so
much joy and laughter. Keep following your
dreams; we believe in you!

Love,
Mom, Dad and Rox

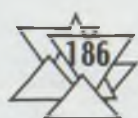
▼ Tyler Cate ▼

Our "Ty Guy" has
grown up to be a
fine young man.

We celebrate your
uniqueness, your
love of nature and
your accomplish-
ments in music.

We know you have
the strength of
character to build a
promising future for yourself and others.
Congratulations.

Love and hugs to our pride and joy!
Mom, Dad and Jimmy



Senior ads

Dear World,

Today we bequeath to you our son.

His mind and body are strong.

His sense of humor is sharp.

His eyes are filled with the perfect

combination of wonder, amusement

and self-assurance. As we watch him,

we smile and our hearts swell with pride,

for we know this world is better because
he is a part of it.

We trust you'll treat him well.

Paul, spread your wings
and fly...

Nothing in this world
can stop you.

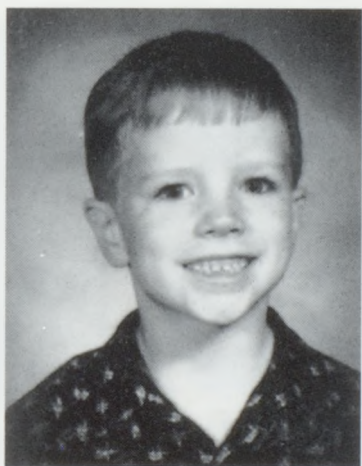
Love,

Mom, Dad and Austin



▲ Paul Clements ▲

▼ Rick Dawson ▼



Rickster:

You have accomplished so much and we are
very proud of all you have done (see, it
doesn't hurt to smile).

Love,

Mom, Dad and Maso



Ryan,

Congratulations! Every great achievement
involves a leap into the unknown. Trust in your
training, launch your effort with confidence and
let your dreams take flight. Build a life you'll be
proud to show the world and work to add your
own contribution for the future.

We love you!

Mom, Dad and Darin

▲ Ryan Davis ▲

▼ Abby DeWitt ▼



Abby,

You will always be the joy of our lives. You're a
great kid. Never lose sight of your goals. We
know you can do it.

All our love,

Mom and Dad

Reference





Katie,
You are a bright shining star. We know you will shine
wherever you go. Keep your eyes to the stars and your feet on
the ground. Always remember the joy is in the journey.
We love you,
Mom, Dad and Allison

▲ Katie Doherty ▲



Jon,
Congratulations!
We're very proud
of you. How
quickly these
eighteen years
have gone by.
Thank you for all
the happiness
you have brought
us. May your
future bring you
the very best.

We love you, Dad, Mom and Christy

▲ Jon Ellis ▲



▼ Tara Ely ▼



You have brought so much joy to our lives,
Tara. Always follow God and protect your
morals. Remember the Golden Rule. Good
luck!

Love,
Mom and Dad



Senior ads

▼ Kristin Foshe ▼



Congratulations, Kristin!
We love you!
Mom, Dad, Kyle, K.C.,
Bailey, Tinker and Maggie

Congratulations, Christopher!
We all love you very much!



-The Friestad Family

▲ Christopher Friestad ▲

▼ Elizabeth Guns ▼



Congratulations, Elizabeth. We
are so very proud of you and all
your accomplishments.

We love you.

Dad, Mom, Alex and Olivia

Be sure to look around each corner and be cautious when walking past a trash container, you never know who might jump out! Well, then again, you might guess who it could be, William "Blaine" Garrett II. He is the guy who likes to have good clean fun and make everyone laugh. Blaine, we are very proud of you. You have been such an inspiration to so many. You have taken life and enjoyed it in a lot of different places and with a lot of different people. You have a compassionate heart and accept people for who they are. We are thankful that you have chosen to live your life the way you have, not for what we have done, but for your decisions.



We have trusted you to God's keeping for the past 17 years, and now we trust Him for your adult life. Remember that God's plans are always perfect. Keep your eyes on Him; the Author and Finisher of our faith.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "Plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

-Jeremiah 29:11

Love and thankful for you,
Dad and Mom



▲ William Blaine Garrett II ▲

▼ Derek Haden ▼

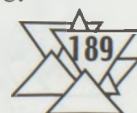
Where has our little ball player gone? You have turned into an all-star for the Haden team. In our scorebook you've been a great lead-off hitter, a real team player, our "go-to" guy. Every goal you've worked hard at, you have achieved. Keep setting your goals high in the game of life, unless you try you will never know how good you can be.



Life can be hard, so choose your teammates well. Your times with them is what you will remember, not the wins and losses. Continue your quiet leading and hard blocking. You are a great influence for all!

Your #1 fans,
Mom, Dad, Jake and Trevor

Reference



Jesica,
We are so proud of the beautiful, responsible young lady you have become. You have become everything that we had imagined when we held that 3 lb, 12 oz. baby in our arms 18 years ago and more! The sky is the limit for you, so spread your wings and fly. There is nothing that you can't do. As we let you go, always know that we love you, we're proud of you and we will always be here for you.

Mom and Dad



▲ Jesica Marie Hainline ▲

▼ Amy Jo Heverly ▼

Dear Pumpkin,
We are so very proud of you! You have the world before you; make wise choices, keep your faith and always know you are loved.



Hugs,
Mom, Dad
and Cam

Heidi,
You are such an incredible gift to us. We are so proud of you because of your leadership, your vision, your goals, your friendships, your ability to create fun and your beautiful smile! God has amazing plans for you.

With our love,
Dad, Mom and Brad



▲ Heidi Halbersma ▲

▼ Sara Hobbs ▼



Congratulations, Sara. We have watched you grow into a responsible, hard working young lady. May you accomplish all your dreams. We are proud of you.

Love,
Dad, Mom and Aaron





Sarah,
We are so proud of you!
You have been the best
daughter any parents
could ask for. We love you
very much!
Mom, Dad
and Shannon



▲ Sarah Lynn Huffman ▲

▼ Andy Humphrey ▼

To our son, Andy:
You have always been such an inspiration
to us. Watching you grow up, forming
your own personality and becoming you
has made being a parent mean so much,
it has made being a parent so rewarding
and it has given us the true love of raising
our child. The years of youth have gone
by so quickly. I already miss your little
handprints on the walls, but we are
looking forward to seeing you on stage at your high school
graduation, then off to college. We are looking forward to



watching your future unfold. Remain who
you are, remember where you came from
and embrace the world for all the endless
possibilities it has to offer you. Remember
this above all, We Love You With All Our
Hearts Now And Always.
We are so very proud of you,
Jimmie and Mom



Luke,
We have always admired your
endless energy and caring nature.
When you reflect on your four
years of high school you should
be very pleased with all that you
have accomplished academically
and athletically. However, we are
most proud of who you are as a
person - your character, your
leadership, your determination
and your willingness to help
others. These are enduring qualities that will guide
you through life.

Hopefully you catch bigger fish with the choices you
make in your future!
Love, Mom, Dad, Jacob and Jenna

▲ Luke Hukee ▲

▼ Perry Iverson ▼



Perry,
We are so proud of you! You have accomplished so
much already with your strength, integrity, wit,
intellect and determination. You'll be successful in
whatever you do. We can't wait to see the great
places you will go!!!
We love you,
Mom, Dad and Reed

Missy,
Your compassion-
ate heart, strength of
character and joyful
attitude are an
inspiration to all of
us. You are a young
woman with a
beautiful spirit, and
we love you so
much.



Mom, Dad, Marcus, Becki and Nick

▲ Missy Iwig ▲



Eighteen years ago God
blessed us with a
wonderful son! We were
so thankful then, and
have been continually
proud of you ever since.
Our lives have truly been
blessed because of you.
We love you, and pray
God's richest guidance
throughout your life.
Congratulations!
Love,
Mom, Dad, Kelly and
Blake



▲ Brian Johnson ▲

▼ Aimee Kempf ▼

Aimee,
We are so proud of
you! We have enjoyed
watching you grow into
a beautiful and
confident young lady.
Work hard and all your
dreams will come true.



We love you!
Mom and Dad

▼ Dan Knight ▼

You have made
us both happy
and proud.



Thank you for being
part of our lives. Our
heart goes with you
forever.
Mom and Dad



Clint,
From kindergarten to senior year, you have always been such a good kid! A parent couldn't ask for a better one. We're so proud of you, and we wish you all the happiness and good luck in the future. Always remember we love you very much.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Tyler and
Maggie



▲ Clint Knox ▲

▼ Chelsey Lehman ▼

Dear Chelsey,
You always knew how to make an entrance! Even from your earliest days of dress-up, dance and prize-winning halloween scarecrows to years of "fashion fish," you've had that special look. Your hard work and creativity will take you where you want to go.

Love, Mom, Dad, Megan and Aaron



Nikki,
Remember, our family will always be a constant. There to love, support and encourage you. We pray you continue to reach for the stars and let your passions shine. Be true to yourself, and heed your favorite quote:



"It is important to never stop questioning the impossible."

(A. Einstein)

Love Mum, Dad, Momo and all our critters



▲ Nikki LeBrun Heuvel ▲

▼ Ashley Loughran ▼

Ashley,
You've come a long way! Born in Alaska, started school in Ohio and now graduating in Iowa. Be the best that you can be! We love you and are so proud of you.
Love, Dad and Mom



Reference



Matt,
Where have the years gone? It's hard to believe those years are behind us now. However, we have the memories and the future to look forward to. You have been such a joy to raise. Watching you grow into the nice young man that you are makes your family very proud. Matt, you have been a great role model for your brother and family. Wherever life leads you, always remember how much we love you. Keep smiling and always be happy.
Love,
Mom, Dad and Michael



▲ Matthew Lunn ▲

Jeff,
Your days seemed always to be centered on ball
Made little difference the season, spring or fall.
No matter where you went, backyard, gym or the lake
As a young boy we always knew what one thing to take.
As you grew and your interests changed the one thing we knew
Was that no matter the age, sports were a part of you in school.
When asked years ago if you were ready for the first football game
You told us you'd "waited your whole life for this very day."
In so many games since, how often you found
As soon you will in college and life you get knocked out of bounds
It will come at a time when the field ahead is so clear
Then suddenly you're blind-sided and lose something dear
You lose not yardage, or points, not a score of some kind
But something of value that now tests your soul and mind
Again the time comes to do what we've so often seen
To show what honor and character really do mean.
Love, Mom and Dad!



▲ Jeff Lynch ▲

▼ Jessica Madole ▼



Jessica,
You will always be my baby girl. I'm the proudest mom alive.

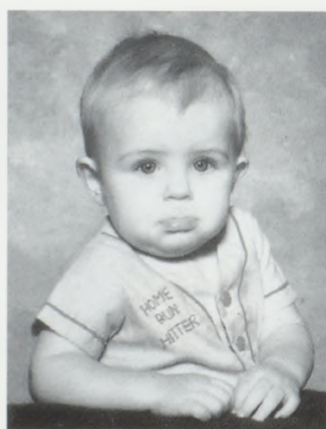
To thine own self be true!

Love, Mom

Senior ads



▼ Jonathan Morgan ▼



Jonathan,
Thank you for being the wonderful son you are and for being our "gift from God." Go and share your many gifts with others, and be happy! We love you!
Dad, Mom and Juliana

Dear Jared and Sam,
As you grow, so does
our pride in and love
for you.
With love always,
Mom and Dad



▲ Jared & Sam Musser ▲

▼ Carey Petersen ▼



Carey,
We will always remember your first dance.
We're proud of you, and know you'll find
your dream.
Love, Mom and John

Chance made us sisters,
Hearts made us friends.
Love, Katie and Maggie

Anne,

You are as precious to us today as you were the day you came
into our lives. Your strength of spirit and
determination have brought you far.
Thank you for all the joy and love you
have given us. We are so proud of the
beautiful person you have become.
Some people make others happy by
simply being who they are. You are one
of those people. May all of your dreams
come true.

We love you, Mom and Dad



▲ Anne Paulsen ▲

▼ Lindsey Ruisch ▼

Lindsay,
You are such a delight to have
in our family. You're the only
person we know that can
score a goal in soccer or
spike a ball in volleyball and
not break her Lee Press-On®

nails! The
Lord has truly blessed the
Ruisch family when He gave
us Lindsay.
Love,
Mom and Dad, Kim and
Marc and Ryan



Reference



"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord makes his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace."

Numbers 6:24-26



Lindsay, we are so proud of you!
With love always,
Mom, Dad, Shauna,
Andy, Shelby and Troy



▲ Lindsay Nicole Sleep ▲

▼ Laura Stradley ▼

Congratulations, Laura!
We are very proud of you as you strive to be your best.



We love you,
Mom, Dad, Lisa and John



Senior ads



Emma,
Do you know how special you are? We do!

Love, Mom, Dad, Evan and Elvis

▲ Emma Stone ▲

▼ Brad Thompson ▼

Brad,
We couldn't be prouder!
Thanks for all the fun you brought into our life. Stay strong. Keep your Faith, your Friendships and your Focus. WE LOVE YOU.
Mom, Dad, Greg, Lauren and Casper



Brynea,
We have been truly blessed
by having you for our
daughter. You have been a
joy and an inspiration to
our lives, and we are very
proud of your hard work
and accomplishments!



You have overcome many peer
pressures to stand strong in
what you believe. We are
excited for you and know that
God had great plans for your
life. Keep smiling!!
We love you!!!
Mom, Dad and Amanda

▲ Brynea Thrasher ▲

Jason,
We always knew
you were a "star"
because you're
such a wonderful
person. As you
move on with your
life, always
remember how
very proud of you
we are and that
you always have
our love and support.



Love, Mom and Dad

▲ Jason VanGundy ▲

▼ Chris Verlengia ▼



Chris,
You've always been
our favorite
character.

Love,
Mom, Dad,
Toni and Andy



▼ Allison Waggoner ▼

Remember
the first time
you packed
your bags to
leave us? You
only went to
the end of the
street. Next



time you pack it will be for college. We will
miss you! We look forward to watching you
become the successful young woman we know
you can be. Congratulations.

Love you,
Mom and Dad

Reference





BreeAnn-a-banana,
You're a very special
daughter! We are
proud of you and have
enjoyed watching you
grow from our "little mermaid," to a lovely
young lady. God bless you on your exciting
journey.

Dad, Mom, Kaylynn and Jenalee

▲ BreeAnn Williams ▲

Congratulations, Mary! We
are so proud of everything you
have accomplished,
especially being student body
president and secretary of the
National Honor Society. From
your younger years in Florida
to your school days at



Windsor Elementary in Des Moines
to using your talents at Johnston
High, you are a great leader and
have shown kindness to all you
meet. We wish you God's blessings
in the future.

We love you.

Mom, Dad, Kate and Jenna

▲ Mary Winzenburg ▲

▼ Nathan Wylie ▼

Nathan,
We are very
proud of the
fine young
man you have
become and
love you very
much.



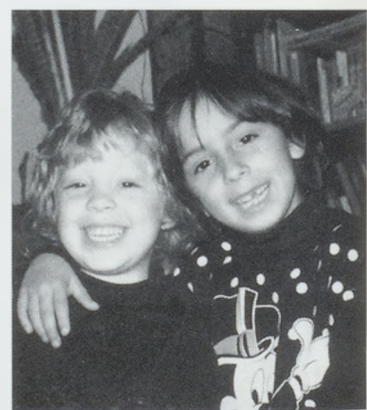
Mom, Dad and Nick

▼ Janel Brown ▼

Janel,
You are truly my best
friend and I am
entirely grateful to
have you in my life.
Reach for your goals,
I know one day you
will achieve them,
and I will be there
with you every step
of the way.

I love you!

Your Big Sis



Molly, these are my wishes for you. May you find serenity and tranquility in a world you may not always understand. May the pain you have known and the conflict you have experienced give you the strength to walk through life facing each new situation with courage and optimism. Always know that there are those whose love and understanding will always be there, even when you feel most alone. May you discover enough goodness in others to believe in a world of peace. May a kind word, a reassuring touch and a warm smile be yours every day of your life, and may you give these gifts as well as receive them. Remember the sunshine when the storm seems unending. Teach love to those who hate, and let that love embrace you as you go into the world. May the teachings of those you admire become part of you, so that you may call upon them...



▲ Molly Elizabeth Ehm ▲

▼ Amanda Yeggy ▼

Amanda,
Each step you've taken, from your very first brave little baby steps, to each successively bigger step, has led you away from us. You are about to take some very exciting adult steps and we are very proud of you. Hopefully each successful step you take will lead you back to us from time to time. We love you,
Mom and Dad



...Remember, those whose lives you have touched and who have touched yours are always a part of you, even if the encounters were less than you would have wished. It is the content of the encounter that is more important than its form. May you not become too concerned with material matters, but instead place immeasurable value on the goodness in your heart. Find time in each day to see beauty and love in the world around you. Realize that each person has limitless abilities, but each of us is different in our own way. What you may feel you lack in the present may become one of your strengths in the future. May you see your future as one filled with promise and possibility. Learn to view everything as a worthwhile experience. May you find enough inner strength to determine your own worth by yourself, and not be dependent on another's judgment of your accomplishments. May you always feel loved.

-By Sandra Sturtz

Your proud mom.

▲ Molly Elizabeth Ehm ▲



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Jana McConnell, '02

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Chelsi King, '05

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"This was a cool class to take because we got to cook food and then eat it nearly everyday."

Brittney Hibbs, '05

DIVERSITY COMMITTEE

"We felt that this group would help bring awareness of diversity to not just our school, but the entire community."

Salome Toryem, '02



EXCHANGE STUDENT

"Being an exchange student here has been great. Everyone has been supportive."

Milan Kuzmanov, '02

FCA

"FCA was fun because you got to go to people's house and see people you normally wouldn't."

Abbie Toney, '04

GOVERNMENT

"It is a class that helped me stay informed on current issues and taught me more on politics."

Marissa Stetson '02

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"It put a face on war and made me think about how these were real people who went and fought for us."

Natalie Baltzely, '02

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"Innovation has been a positive experience. In this we learned to sing, dance and work together."

Angela Smith, '02

JD, MASCOTT

"Being the mascot was a way to participate in sports without the risks of injuries and I got respect."

Matthew Stange, '04

KEGGER

"The senior kegger was off the chains. Lots of people showed up and past memories were remembered."

Jami Divis, '02

LUNCH SERVER

"I enjoyed working here because I got to be with kids. They were polite. We also got a summer break."

Lisa Vignovch

MOTHER

"Being a mother is hard, especially in high school because I had to balance out my priorities."

Mandy Jess, '02

NEW STUDENT

"When I first moved here I liked it, then I realized the cliques so I decided to move back (next year)."

Lindsay Sakris '03

OUTDOOR PURSUIT

"In that class I learned so much that I am now able to go camping with my friends and family."

Bryan Crosser, '03

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"Through this class I had an opportunity to really express myself about the nation's issues."

Cammie Dudney, '03

QUIZ BOWL

"French quiz bowl for three year students was tough. It was fun to be with kids from other schools"

Alexis Kucera, '03

ROCK AROUND

THE CLOCK

"It was fun to be the judge of the pudding slide. My first choice was to be in the competition."

John Sparland, '02

SPEECH

"Speaking in front of a group of people is an important skill that everyone should learn how to do."

Laura Copeland, '04

TUTOR

"I learned how to be patient and how teachers feel when they have a child who will not settle down."

Seth Anderson, '02

UNDER CLASSMEN

"It is a lot better to be an upper-classmen because you get to drive and have early out and late arrival."

Shannon Huffman '04

VIDEO PROD.

"I thought this could be a filler class, but really it was tough to produce quality announcements."

Josh Zamzow, '02

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WATER POLO

"During the season we became more competitive. The Chicago tournament was my highlight."

Phil Wong, '03

XYLOPHONE

"I had to learn the part in one day. I didn't have to march which made it easier, but it was still difficult."

Nick McKinley, '05

YOUTH GROUP

"I enjoy having fellowship with friends and being able to learn about Christ. I like introducing people."

Andrew Goodman, '02

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"I fell asleep in spanish and I missed the directions and didn't know how to do the homework."

Vanessa Smith, '02

The View From Here

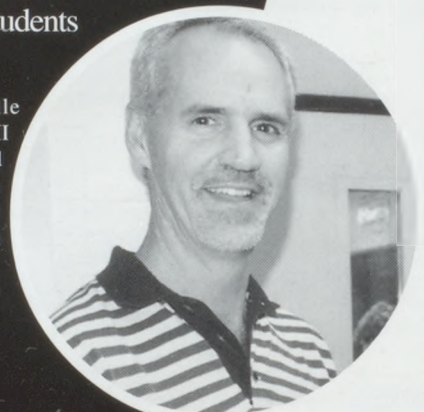
And so the year of 2001-2002 came to an end. Students returned books and cleaned out their lockers, while the teachers gave the classrooms a good cleaning and packed up their things, leaving their classrooms to sit undisturbed until the next time it would be in use, three months later. Everything was coming to a close, yet no one really felt any closure. As the school closed up like the end of every year, very little had been resolved elsewhere. President Bush's war on terrorism, while very much faded from our daily thoughts, was far from over, with no definite end in sight, while another conflict, in the Middle East, also continued. On the local front, Johnston showed no sign of its progress slowing down. Construction on the school's street perpetually hindered our transportation efforts while we enjoyed a brand-new library and a Culver's franchise.

The community wasn't the only thing still to be completed. For years students have clamored for the addition of a swimming pool to the high school, seeking to correct the present situation where the high school swim team must go to the Urbandale High School pool to practice. Although discussions continued, there was still no decision made on this endeavor.

Previously unbeknownst to the students, the school had been working towards a set of goals for two years. Even after large campaign to improve student performance, the goals were not met. Such was the mindset of the student body at the end of the year, unresolved and without conclusion. With so many ongoing events yet to be completed, all the students could do was wonder as they looked back at the year.

spread by David Seibert

Teacher Rich Gradoville stands outside his Math II class while sporting a brand new goatee. Gradoville's students remarked that he was "twice as funny" with his new facial hair.
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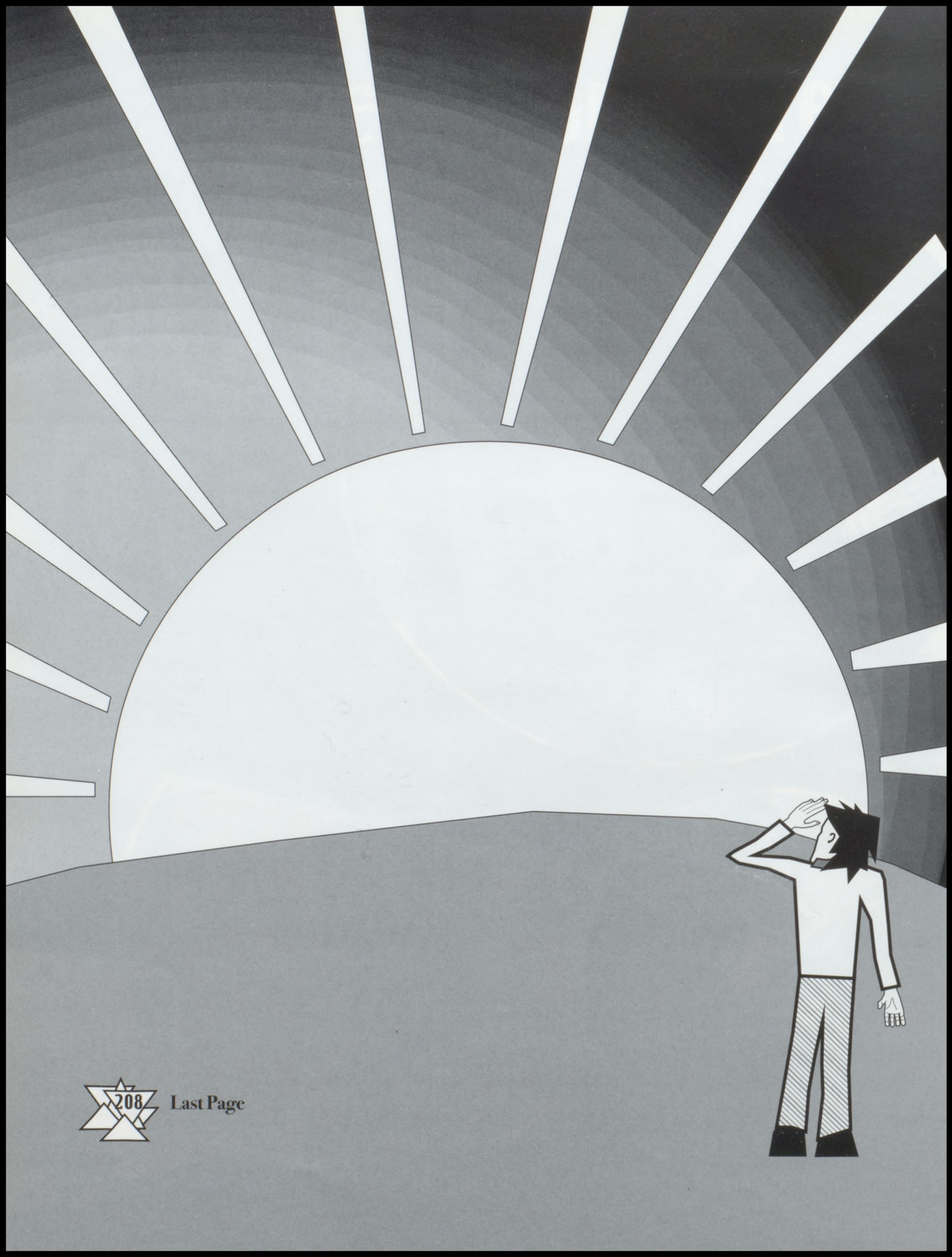
Standing at the scene of a dangerous flood, lunchroom supervisor Ed Terhune protects students from the perils of the ice, cold water. The great flood resulted from a urinal being flushed one too many times. *photo by Aaron Holmgren*

Science is fun again as senior Devin Frank plays his homemade single-string shoebox guitar. Devin made the guitar for his physics class with teacher Mike Partington.

Students made musical instruments during their study on sound waves. *photo by David Seibert*



Junior Leslie Rittierodt wails her arms in a fiery fury during a pep assembly in the large gym. The cheerleaders intended to boost athletic performance through rhythmic motions and uplifting chants. *photo by Cyrus Andrews*



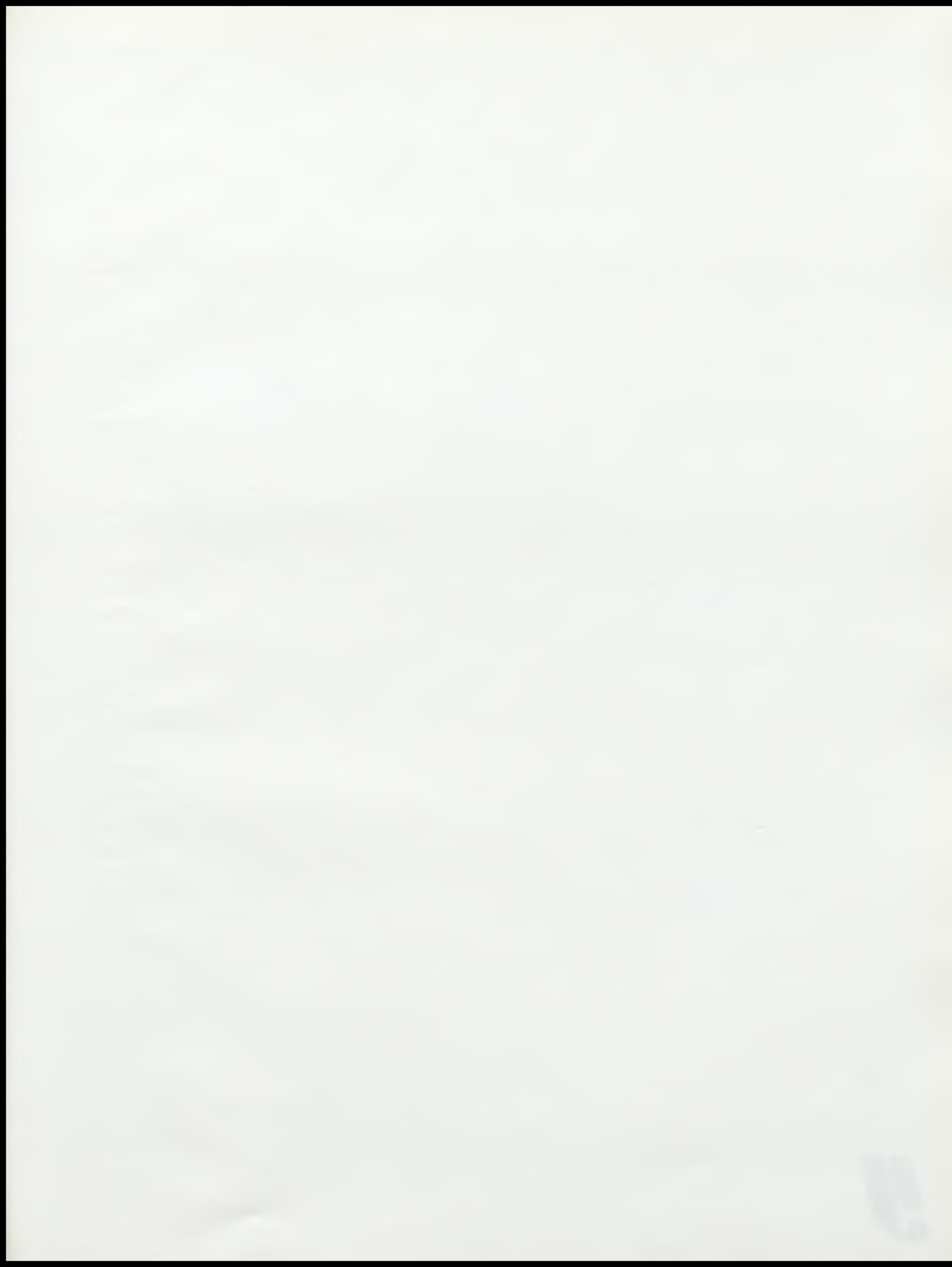
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This was the 65th edition of *The Dragon*. Books cost \$35, or \$40 with a name on the cover. Most of the staff helped sell \$8,820 worth of ads and Amy made each ad look pretty. All design was done in Adobe Pagemaker 6.5 on seven iMacs, one iBook, the G3 and eight dormant (thanks to school bureaucracy) computers donated by Meredith courtesy of Art Slusark, Jane's dad. Our Laser Writer 8500 printed the stuff and tried not to print pictures of Cyrus that used up all the toner. Then the pages were shipped to Harf Jones at 6015 Travis Lane, Shawnee Mission, Kansas, 66201, who puts our book together. Pictures on these 208 pages were taken by old Minolta and Canon cameras. Most people wanted to use the new Nikon and \$1,000 lens that Putthole made us buy. After the clicking stopped the rolls of film were taken right up the road to Hy-Vee to be developed promptly. Putney submitted our first all scanned photo spread (the boys' basketball spread) using Photostop 8.0. All spreads were designed using Pagemaker 6.5. If we used clip art it came from Art Explosion. The cover was first designed by Yeggy and later revised by BreeAnn. The endsheets were designed in Pagemaker by Rachel and her boys (Woodward, David and Aaron) even though Rachel thought that the bitmapped version printed from Appleworks 6.0 was cool looking. Finally, we ordered our 905books. Marc Havnen (licorice man), our yearbook guy, helped us a lot, especially with our thousands of questions about the cover. We want to end by bragging just a little about the 2001 Dragon. It earned its eighth All-American rating from NSPA, a Gold Medalist rating from CSPA and the Neubert Award from the IHSPA. Tara Ely, Ashley Brown, Brent Burklund and Jen Wiley were individual IHSPA winners. Emily Sinnwell won a national Quill and Scroll award for her work.

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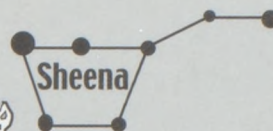
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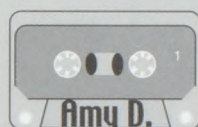
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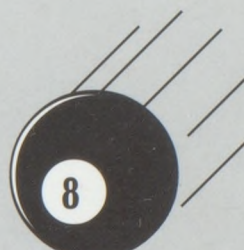
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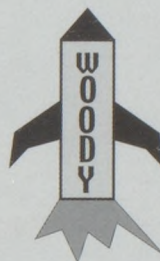
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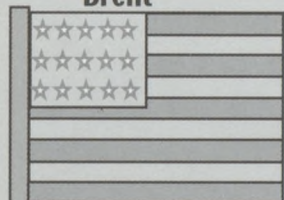
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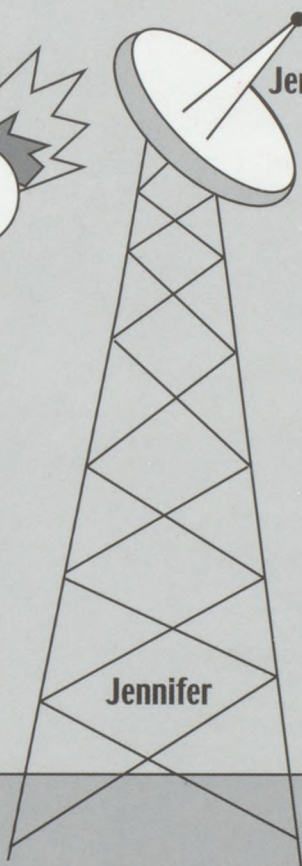
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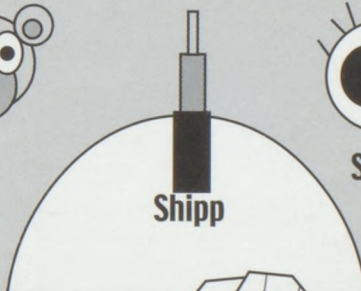
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